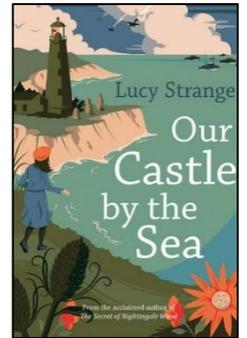




Welcome back after the half term. I hope you are all rested and ready to start a new and exciting term!

English

Our English lessons this term will be based on the book 'Our Castle by the Sea' by Lucy Strange. The story is about a young girl named Petra who lives in a lighthouse during the terrifying second world war. We will use this thrilling story to inspire us to write recounts from soldiers in Dunkirk, instructions on how to use a gas mask, newspaper reports on the acts of sabotage that occur in Stonehaven, a diary from Petra based on the prospect of her being evacuated, a poster advertising for men with fishing boats to evacuate soldiers from Dunkirk and even investigate the real identity of the character 'Spooky Joe'.



Maths

This term, our Maths lessons will focus on using long division to divide 3 and 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers with and without remainders. We will also explore fractions, decimals and percentages to investigate equivalences. Later this term, we will also complete calculations using fractions and will use algebraic formulae. Over the year, the children will be practising all of the times tables up to 12, so that they can recall them fluently.

Science

In Science, Year 6 will learn about light, how we see, shadows, reflection and refraction. The children will learn how light travels and how this enables us to see objects. They will demonstrate their knowledge by making and starring in their own television programme. The children will have the opportunity to make a functioning periscope, finding out about mirrors and the angles of reflection and incidence. They will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate refraction, carrying out some fascinating experiments into the effects of bending light. Furthermore, they will have chance to predict what will happen in an exciting investigation into the visible spectrum.



PE

This term, our PE lessons will be on a Friday. Each Friday, **the children should come to school in their PE kit, which they will stay in all day.** This will mean that they won't need to get changed in school and will reduce the risk of others accidentally touching their clothing or putting on items belonging to others. Please make sure that your child is wearing a suitable PE kit for the weather that day, such as a t-shirt, shorts and trainers for warm and sunny weather, or a tracksuit and trainers for colder weather.

Foundation Subjects

DT will be taught by Mr Hartnell and the children will be putting their sewing skills to the test during their new topic: *Make do and Mend!*

In Computing this term, the children will be learning how to use technology safely and securely during our E-Safety lessons. They will also develop their spreadsheet-skills when using the program Excel!

Our History topic this term will continue to focus on World War 2. The children will look at different sources that tell us about life in Britain during WWII, including ration books, diary entries and newspaper articles, as well as exploring the causes and consequences of World War II on Britain.

In RE we will be focusing on the question: *What matters most to Christians and Humanists?*

In Music, we are lucky to have lessons led by a specialist music teacher. These lessons will continue on from last year, focusing on learning to play the recorder.

In PSHE we will be exploring the topic 'Celebrating Difference' using the Jigsaw scheme of work.

Our French lessons will be taught by Mr Hartnell this term and will continue to develop our knowledge of French words and phrases through the use of songs, stories and finger rhymes.

Reading

Reading is an important part of the curriculum and, as such, we believe that continuing to read with your child daily can improve their reading skills significantly. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you could read with your child as often as possible. This does not have to be your child reading to you, it could include sharing a book and discussing the content, as this helps tremendously with comprehension.

This year, instead of the bookmarks, each child has been given their own reading record for you to record when they have read. Please make sure that your child brings their reading record to school each day so that we can also record when we have heard them read.

Homework

Children will continue to receive the following homework weekly:

- Spellings
- Reading
- Times Tables

In addition to this, there will be optional homework that can be completed in relation to the work we are doing in school. This can be handed in at any time during the term. The following are a list of ideas for your child to choose from:

- Make a model of an air raid shelter.
- Draw and label a plane or tank from the Second World War.
- Make do and mend; create a toy using only recycled materials
- Play a game of battleships with a friend or family member.
- Write a message to a friend or family member using Morse code.
- Imagine you have been evacuated. Write a letter home to your parents.
- Read a Second World War novel and discuss with a friend of family member.
- Write a biography on a significant individual from Second World War.
- Write a newspaper report about a significant event during Second World War.



Remember, if at any time you have any concerns about your child, please feel free to contact the office to make an appointment to see me.

With best wishes,

Mr Buckland