



Spring Term in Peace Class and Humility Class...

'Encouraging each other, overflowing with hope.'

Terms 3 and 4... Aspiring to Achieve!

Happy New Year! We have already had a busy time back in school where the children have been keen to share the events of the Christmas break and have already launched themselves head-first into their new units of learning. Already, the children have looked into the events that preceded the outbreak of the Second World War and they have explored the British values that lead this country into another conflict with Germany. We are both looking forward to the rest of this term and the in-depth knowledge that will come about through this rich topic.

Both Miss Dysart and Mrs. Shaw had a relaxing break, alongside planning an exciting Spring Term. Mrs. Shaw has spent her holiday out on walks with her dog -Wellington - while trying to Hoover up all of the wonderful Christmas chocolates she received before the start of January. Miss Dysart took the opportunity to settle into her new home as well as returning to Porthmadog to see her family in Wales.

Throughout English, History and Art units this term we will be exploring World War Two. The first week of this term has been our Speeches week - where we have listened to the outbreak of war speeches from Neville Chamberlain and King George VI. The opportunity to work as wartime journalists will come as we listen to interviews from a member of the home guard and a teacher from the time of the war. We will also have the opportunity to examine the role of Lincolnshire - which was known as bomber county - as well as Henry Moore's sketches of people in London who took shelter during 'The Blitz'.

Our enhanced curriculum opportunities this term will be broad and rich: First aid training for each pupil; a trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford; our French curriculum day; our speeches week; a new range of clubs are available for pupils to attend among others. Year 6 will be working as authors, mathematicians, illustrators, historians, theologians, biologists and there will be other opportunities to aspire to build the skills for different disciplines as the terms progress.

We will be sharing updates on social media and our school website, so please go to: <https://www.stthomasacademy.co.uk/class-pages/> to find our class pages, which have information on the exciting opportunities that Year 6 have as the term progresses. To keep up to date with what is happening in Year 6 on Twitter, make sure to follow @Sapheron_Shaw, and the school Twitter account @StThomasBoston



. Reading Books These need to be in school **daily**. In Year 6 children are allowed to change their books on a **Monday** and they are to be back in school on a **Friday**. This will allow them to be sanitised over the weekend. If your child has a longer book, they will be able to keep them for longer than a week. Please continue to sign their reading record, at least three times weekly, and let us know anything else your child has enjoyed reading at home. Children should aim to read a little each day.

Homework is important and we expect everyone to complete it and hand it in on time. It helps consolidate learning and build up your child's confidence. Supporting school by encouraging your child to do their homework independently will prepare them for their transition to secondary school. Homework will be set every **Friday** and should be completed and handed in by **Wednesday**. If you have any concerns with this, please see your child's class teacher.



Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested on a Friday. Learning spellings is not just about being able to recall them for a test. The children need to practise spellings in order to remember them long-term for use in their writing as well. Spellings are in the spelling homework book and should be practised regularly. We advise children use a Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check approach as set out on the spelling sheet. Other ways to help children learn include chanting the letters, finding words within words, and circling the letter combinations they find tricky. This makes the learning more exciting and memorable.



Our spellings this year build upon the rules learnt throughout Key Stage Two

P.E

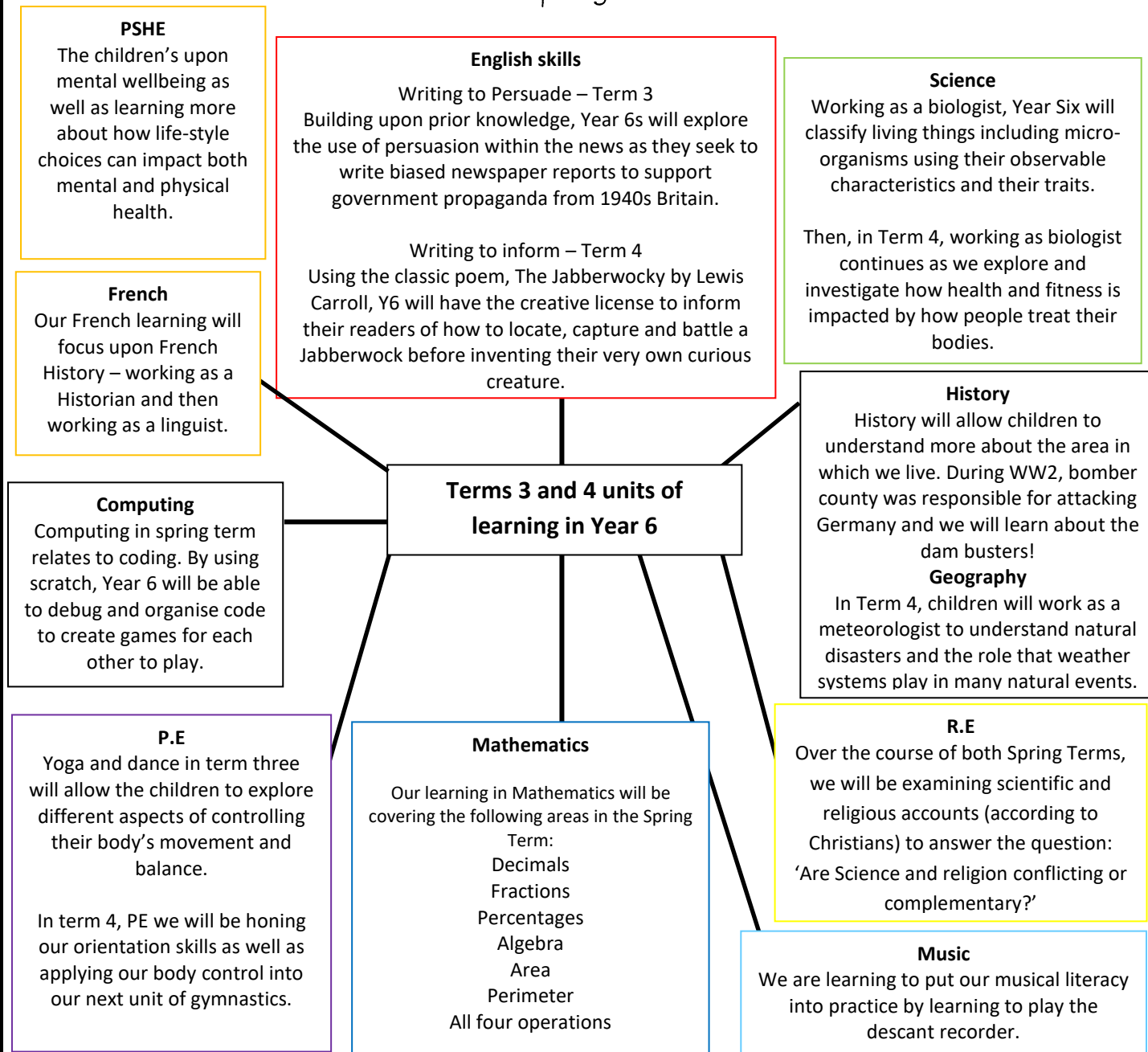
P.E kits must be in school at all times. Please remember that the children **must** be able to take their earrings out and have long hair tied back for safety reasons during our P.E lessons. For the Autumn term, we will be having one Outdoor P.E lesson weekly and one indoor session – one on a **Monday afternoon** and the other session will be on a **Tuesday afternoon**.

For P.E, your child should wear a navy blue or white T-shirt, dark shorts or P.E skirt. Children are encouraged to bring a dark tracksuit for outdoor P.E during the winter months and wear trainers. A carrier bag is always handy to keep muddy shoes in!

Leggings are not suitable for P.E and should not be worn. Each item of your child's P.E kit **must** be labelled clearly with their name; this will hopefully prevent items from going missing! We really appreciate your support with this.



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Upcoming dates

- Monday 10th January – SATS information posted to the Y6 video resource centre
- Thursday 13th January – Trip to IWM Duxford
- Friday 14th January First Aid
- 27th January – Holocaust Memorial Day
- 31st January – French Day
- 2nd & 3rd February Parents evening
- 8th February – Safer internet day
- 11th February – Valentines Disco
- 11th February Last day of Term 3
- 21st February – Term 4 begins
- 28th February – Book week

Many parents have asked how they can help their children learn at home, so here are some websites that provide practise in key skills. A great way of supporting your child's learning (and a fun one) is to play online games with them.

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/> Mainly Maths, English and Science games and interactive activities. This site is also a great help with homework and key History and Geography facts for independent research.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/> Age appropriate, subject specific activities, revision activities, games, worksheets and experiments.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16> A great site for Maths games, perfect for revision.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> Hit the Button is a fun way of practising times tables, please encourage your children to use this!

Please do speak to any of the Year 5 team if you have ideas, questions or concerns about your child. We are always interested in activities children take part in outside of school, so it would be lovely to see any certificates or awards your child receives.



Please visit our class web pages to see our updates and to see how our learning is progressing.

We thank you for your continued support,

Miss Dysart and Mrs Shaw.

