



Neptune Class (Year 6) **Autumn Term 1 Newsletter**

A warm 'Welcome to everyone' – we hope you had a good rest over the holidays and are ready for Year 6. This letter is to inform you what will be happening in Neptune this half term.

English: Our theme, this half term, is 'War Horse-World War One' and most of our lessons will be created around this theme. In English, we will be writing persuasive letters, balanced arguments and non-chronological reports. We will also be looking at poetry about World War One.

Punctuation and grammar will be taught discretely, but will have a close link with the theme. Thus, enabling the children to apply what they have learnt. We will also listen to and read a range of texts linked to our theme. During our Book Talk sessions, we will discuss books we read together, drawing inferences such as characters feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence. We will also be working on comprehension skills and how to answer questions effectively.



Mathematics:

This half term, we will be looking at more complex addition and subtraction. We will be really deepening the children's understanding, through reasoning and problem solving.

We will also be looking at long multiplication and division and how we can record remainders as decimals and fractions. Linked to this, will be rounding decimals after a problem has been worked out and looking at whether to round up or down to solve the problem.

Prime numbers, square numbers, cubed numbers, triangle numbers, highest common factors and lowest common multiples are also on the curriculum for this half term

We will explore numbers and place value so as to read, understand and round any number to the required degree of accuracy; this will include negative numbers and decimals. We will also be looking at Roman numerals and consolidating how to read years.



Science: Our focus will be 'The Human Body-The circulatory system.'

PE: This half term we will be improving and working on our Tag Rugby Skills and also working on our Real PE skills.

RE: This half term we will be looking at Buddhism. We will be looking at the following: Who founded Buddhism and where it was founded?; What are the main beliefs of Buddhism?; Where are the special places for a Buddhist?

Computing: This half term, we will be making a text based adventure game, using a program called Python.

Music: Looking at songs by Michael Jackson and the Jackson 5

History and Geography: Looking at the events that happened during World War One and looking at what life was like as a World War One Soldier.

For more information about our curriculum and for regular updates, please look at the **Neptune Class page on the web:**

<http://www.crick.northants.sch.uk/pupils/class-news/neptune>





PE:

PE lessons will take place on **Monday** and **Friday**. These will be a mixture of outdoor and indoor. Your child's full PE kit should be in school at all times. Please note earrings and jewellery should be removed and children will need suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor lessons.

Homework:



- Reading practise – please try to listen to your child read at least three times a week. If you have read with your child, please make a note to this effect in their reading record. Feel free to come and look at the reading challenge outside the classroom to see how your child is doing. There will be prizes throughout the year for the reading challenge.
- Daily times tables practise – all children will be learning/practicing their times tables daily in school and we ask for this to carry on at home. It is essential that children know the times tables up to 12 x 12 and the corresponding division facts; i.e. $72 \div 8 = 9$. If your child knows them, then encourage them to apply this to multiplication and division questions i.e. 3457×9 or $3457 / 8$
- Written homework – children will be expected to complete a task every week in either English or Mathematics. Homework will be handed out on a Friday and expected in the following Wednesday. They will also be expected to complete two tasks from the themed grid in their homework books over the term. **Homework is available on the website via Neptune Class page.**
- Spellings- Spellings will be given out weekly on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Spelling rules will be taught in the class and we will be practising them daily to improve accuracy. Spellings will be stuck into their reading journal, ready for them to learn. Children will communicate their weekly score via their reading journal, along with any incorrect spellings.

Please note that theme homework will start this week and maths will commence the following week.



Home-School communication:

We will always ask children to put **letters home** into their bags, so please check these daily. If your child is absent we will endeavour to 'name' any letters they miss and ensure they get them on their return to school. Failing that, spare copies will be available from the office.

If you have any comments or questions relating to your child's learning and wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you need to speak confidentially, please let me know and we can ensure an appropriate time and place for this. My email is estaniforth@crick.northants.sch.uk. **Please note that 'request for absence' or 'home collection' must be emailed or communicated to the school office.**

I will try to reply to emails, as soon as possible. Please phone the school to arrange a meeting or call back, if the matter is urgent.

We look forward to working alongside you, to support of your child's education.

Mrs Staniforth and Mrs Homer
(Neptune Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant)

