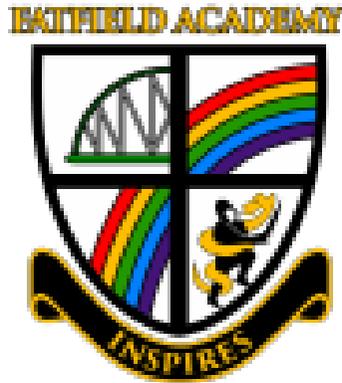




Fatfield Academy Inspires
Learning for Life



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Home & School

Y6—Lest We Forget



Dear Parent/ carer

Y6 have left the warmth of the Mexican jungles and all things Maya and have started our new topic: Lest We Forget. This topic will focus predominantly on World War 1 as we will cover World War 2 in detail within the Spring term. As last term, Miss Scriven will be teaching all week and will work alongside Miss Brown and Mrs Ward throughout the week. During PPA cover for Miss Scriven, Miss Quinn and Miss Brown will support with art, computing and PHSCE.

We know that by working together we can make this term a happy and very productive one for your child, offering them interesting and challenging activities and experiences and ensuring that they make the best possible progress with their learning.

Coming up this term, we will be learning lots of new skills and knowledge. We will complete different historical enquiries into the World War, work creatively in PE, explore positive thinking in PHSCE, make marble mazes in DT and investigate electricity in science.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff- we will be happy to speak to you or, if we cannot accommodate you immediately, arrange an appointment for a discussion.

Thank you for your continued support
Miss Scriven, Miss Brown and Mrs Ward



This is what we are learning this half term!

English	<p><u>Spelling</u> The children have spellings each week and these are posted on the Y6 blog and Showbie. They will get these on a Friday to inform them what the spellings in the coming week will be. Spellings will be taught in a short session each day but please support your child further by practising them at home. There will be a short test on Friday afternoon but these spellings will be assessed continually through the week and in all writing. This way, we ensure that pupils are learning and retaining spellings; not just learning them for their spelling test. We use mnemonics, games, songs and practical activities to learn spellings, in addition to learning by rote.</p> <p><u>Handwriting</u> Handwriting is important and our handwriting style is 'Nelson'. All pupils from the end of Year 2 upwards should be writing in a joined script and our youngest children are taught to form letters with 'flicks' to prepare them for later joins. In Y6, pupils can get their pen licence when their writing is of an adequate standard and will use a school pen from that point forward. Some of our Y6 pupils have achieved this goal already!</p> <p><u>Grammar</u> The children will be revising and learning lots of vocabulary which links to grammar in Year 6. We often get questions about this vocabulary so we will post a glossary of terms that we use in class throughout Y6 to help with homework for English on Showbie. Don't worry if all of these terms are not understood yet as we will be covering some of these as we work through the year.</p> <p><u>Punctuation</u> In Y6, there is an expectation that pupils will use capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas in a list and speech marks accurately with few errors. We also use colons and semi-colons in descriptive lists and to separate clauses. Y6 pupils should use brackets, commas and dashes to mark parenthesis and know where to use apostrophes and hyphens. (We have nearly mastered using the colon so we will now start focusing on using a semi-colon this term—brilliant work Y6!)</p> <p><u>Writing</u> This term, we will be focussing on narratives and recounts. The children will learn what needs to be included in these text types. They will then be expected to produce two outcomes in each genre throughout the unit and a final independent version in their topic book to show how much they have learned about these text types.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths this half term, the children will be learning:</p> <p>Position and direction—coordinates in all four quadrants and translations Fractions - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.</p>
Topic Including History & Science	<p>In history, we will be learning about the World Wars. We will look at World War I this half-term and continue to look at World War II after Christmas. We will look at researching how these wars began and we will investigate which countries were involved. We will compare and contrast evidence and explore what life at home was like, in addition to what life was like for the brave soldiers who were fighting on the front lines.</p> <p>In science, we will explore electricity. We will be making circuits and exploring the impact that electricity has had on modern day life. Linking to our history topic, we will also make a Morse Code machine using our knowledge of circuits.</p>
Computing	<p>In computing, we will be exploring internet safety and how we can stay as safe as possible online. We will look at cookies and our data footprint and we will investigate how our information can be shared very quickly if we don't look after ourselves and our data. We will also look at coding our own computer game, how to resolve bugs in a program and how to use tabs to organise our code.</p>
R.E	<p>This half term, we will find out about Judaism. This will also support our work on Hitler and his views in the Spring Term. We will also explore Christianity as part of our unit on the Christian festival: Christmas.</p>
P.E	<p>Over the next half term, we will be studying team games. In our REAL PE sessions, we will look at strength and creativity in detail and work towards each level on our REAL PE Social Cog. We will be visited by 'Change for Life' coaches who will deliver two of our PE lessons.</p>
Art/DT	<p>During this half term, Y6 will study DT. They will learn how to design a 'marbleous maze'. They will explore joining materials, improving strength of structures and the advantages of different materials.</p>

SOME REMINDERS

Start of the day - Please ensure that your child arrives on time for school. The school gate opens for Y6 at 8.50am and classroom doors will close at 9:00am and register is taken. Children arriving even a few minutes late can often take a long time to settle into the class. Please do not let your child arrive on school grounds too early to support social distancing and our one-way system.

End of the day - School finishes at 3.15 pm for Y6. Please ensure that the children are picked up at this time and the school are aware if someone new is picking them up. Only pupils who have a signed permission slip in Y6 can walk home by themselves. If pupils have permission to meet their parents/carers in the carpark, it is essential that pupils return to school if they cannot find their parents/carers.

Uniform - All children must wear grey or black trousers or skirts, yellow polo-shirt, a black school jumper/cardigan and black shoes—these should not have any coloured logos or laces. We would be grateful if these could be clearly named! It is VERY difficult to find unnamed articles of clothing. Please also label hats, gloves, wellies and items of PE kit. Haircuts must not be extreme and only stud earrings are allowed— your child either must refrain from wearing these on PE days or be able to take them out by themselves.

Reading - All children will take a reading book home. **Please remember to write a comment (or just a smiley face with a signature) in your child's Home-School Reading Record Book to show that your child has read the whole/part of a book.** Reading books should be brought to school everyday and can be changed as soon as a book is finished. Some shorter books may need changing every couple of days; longer books may need changing less frequently. We will be reading regularly using your child's home reader so please support your child to bring in their reading folder everyday and remember to take it home each night. Due to COVID procedures, in the rare occasion that we cannot change your child's book when requested, we will endeavour to do so by the next day

Water Bottle— Pupils should bring a water bottle filled with fresh water each day to school and take this home on a night to clean. Bottles should be labelled with your child's name. We cannot use our fountains or provide cups due to current COVID 19 procedures so this is very important to remember each day.

PE - Year 6 have PE on a **Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit including comfortable trainers. Your child should wear their school jumper over the top of their PE kits and are welcome to wear suitable black tracksuit bottoms or leggings instead of shorts. No jewellery should be worn on P.E. days and long hair should be tied back.

Coats - As the weather is changing and stays unpredictable, all children **MUST** bring a coat every day as some of our learning will take place outside even on cold days.

Homework - Your child will receive homework on a Friday via Showbie. The homework will state how long your child has to complete the task (this could be between 1 -3 weeks). Please ensure your child completes their homework as it allows their teacher to see what they can do independently. The children's homework will relate to what they have been taught in school that week or linked to research for future lessons. Our blog often has hints and tips for homework so don't forget to check out what our class has been up to online using the school website.

Thank you for all of your support in advance,
Miss Scriven, Miss Brown and Mrs Ward.