



# Crabtree Farm Primary School

## Spring Term Newsletter / Year 6 / January 2025

### Making every minute count & an ethic of excellence

#### Humanities

Our **history** unit is 'The First World War and Nottingham'. We will learn about major events that occurred during WW1, Nottingham's contribution to societal change, and the important role that women played during the war.

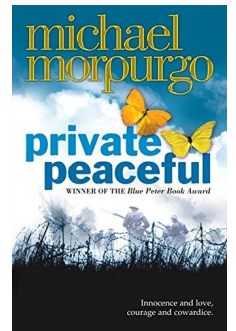


After the half term break, our **geography** unit will be Amazing Americas: researching the climate and physical geography there and how it compares with the UK.

Welcome back to year 6 for our third half term this year. We have some exciting topics, books and projects across our lessons. Making every minute count and an ethic of excellence are our year group mottos.

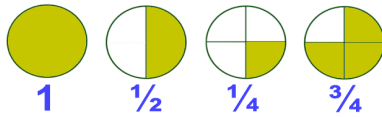
#### English

This spring, we will be writing in a range of styles: we will write to discuss, debating the pros and cons of SATs; we will write to persuade, based on the WWI propaganda we will be studying in our history lessons; and we will write to entertain, recreating a classic story to share with children in Early Years. Our current class novel is *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo. The novel is about The First World War, which is our main topic, but there is much more to it than that. The novel covers universal themes such as childhood, school experiences, family bonds, loyalty, love and even death, in a sensitive way.



#### Maths

We are continuing with our fractions unit of work for this half term. Soon, we will move onto looking at different ways to measure and how this can be recorded: weight, length and capacity. We continue to use our **Mathletics and TT Rock Stars** in school so please support this by encouraging children to do it at home too. Weekly homework is set on Mathletics and TT Rock Stars. We will begin this half term revising autumn term objectives of place value and the four operations.



#### Art

Our aim in art is to create a thoughtful propaganda poster inspired by the work of artists Luba Lukova & Shepard Fairey. Propaganda posters are useful in persuading the audience into action and were often used during WW1. Our posters will combine materials and techniques to help deliver a message to the audience which we will think about very carefully before we make our final pieces.



#### Science

Building on knowledge gained in year 4, electricity is our new topic for Spring 1! We will be learning how to build circuits, read the different scientific symbols and investigate how the brightness of lamps/bulbs can change when we alter the circuit somehow. As always, we will also learn about different careers in STEM that need to know about electricity e.g. Railway engineers.



## Personal Social Health & Economic Education and Relationship and Sex Education

Our PSHE units are 'Keeping Safe' and 'Rights and Respect'. We will also be completing the following elements of our RSE programme:

- Discuss different types of adult relationships.
- Describe the decisions that have to be made before having a baby.
- To have considered when it is appropriate to share personal/private information in a relationship.
- Recommended book—Osborne Books - What's happening to Me?



## After School Boosters— SATs preparation

Year 6 will be invited to attend one after school booster per week with their class teacher and other support staff. At this time of year, preparing for our SATs exams is critical to give the best possible confidence to our children. Letters will be sent out and meetings will take place to address your questions about SATs in the coming weeks. The administration and preparation for SATs changes each year so it is vital that you attend the parent/carer meeting so that we can work as a team to best support your child.

Our task is to practice reading and maths skills in readiness for the SATs week in May. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Year 6 team for help. Times and days will be detailed separately.

## Reading Books and Homework

This year your child will continue to bring home a banded reading book and a free choice reading book which they should take home in their bags. Please try to read with your child regularly. When you sign their organiser after reading, they will advance in our Year 6 reading race and earn prizes as they go. It is very important that your child brings their reading books into school **everyday** as we will be reading our books during the week. If you have any questions regarding reading at home, please see your child's teacher.

## Questions and Issues

If you have any questions or issues with any aspect of your child's school life please let us know. If it is urgent speak to a member of staff outside the classroom door in the morning or call the office so we may schedule an appointment.



## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14th January SAT's Meeting for parents' and carer's 2.30pm - 3.25pm or 3.35pm - 4.30pm  
Wednesday 22nd January Parent's /Carer's Open Afternoon 1.30pm - 6pm  
3rd-7th February Wellbeing Week  
Monday 10th February Bulwell Academy Pantomime  
Tuesday 11th February Safer Internet Day  
Friday 14h February Last day of half term  
Monday 24th February First day of half term  
Thursday 6th March World Book day  
10th-14th March British Science Week  
Friday 21st March Red Nose day  
Monday 24th March World Maths Day  
Thursday 27th March Spring Disco 5pm - 6.30pm  
Wednesday 2nd April Parent/Carer Open Afternoon 1.30pm - 6pm  
Friday 6th April Last day of term  
Monday 21st April Bank Holiday  
Tuesday 22nd April First day of summer term

## Computing

Hooray! As our computer suite will be back in action very soon, we will be continuing with our computing by designing games including the background, characters and actions. Within this, we will continue to promote safe use of the online world: using safe websites, using passwords and reporting things to an adult when what we see upsets us.



## P.E.

**Did you know... a good nights sleep helps children's mental, physical, social and emotional development.**

We are very lucky to continue to have the presence of the NFFC coaching team who deliver our PE lessons every Tuesday. Please make sure children have trainers or tight fitting shoes to do their lessons. Our REAL PE lessons are on Thursdays and continue to support children to develop their practical and social skills across a range of sports as we focus on team building.

