

Class 6

The Bliss Charity School



Term 2



Dear families,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. I cannot believe we are into Term 2 already!

It was great to see you all at parents evening. I want to take this opportunity to reiterate the message that the most important homework children can do is read, read, read! If your child needs any help choosing suitable books, or they would like to borrow from our audio book collection, please come in and see us.

Many thanks,

Miss Thompson



Term 2 Topic: *The Battle of Britain*



Our over-arching theme for this term is history-based. The children will be finding out about the Battle of Britain, a pivotal event in World War II during 1940.

After kicking the new topic off with a trip to R.A.F Cosford, we will be learning more about key events in the Battle of Britain over the coming weeks. The children will determine why the R.A.F were successful against their counterparts in the Luftwaffe and find out more about the roles of men and women during that period. The children will also be researching what it was like to live during the war and compare this to their lives today.

In art, the children will be making clay poppies for our whole-school act of remembrance and in DT they be designing and making their own air-raid structures by measuring, cutting and joining wood to make a sturdy framework.

In science, the pupils will be covering electricity and circuits; they will learn how to draw their own circuit diagrams and investigate series and parallel circuits. They will trouble-shoot problems using their knowledge of how circuits work and then design a circuit to provide light in their air-raid shelters.

Literacy and numeracy

In literacy, we will be continuing our grammar, punctuation and spelling focus alongside creative writing. We will be linking lots of our writing to our topic this term, creating different recounts linked to the Battle of Britain (e.g. diary entries and letters written in role as pilots) and newspaper articles about key events. The children will be working on how to develop viewpoint and description as they write as well as how to vary the formality of their writing according to its purpose. We will then go on to write balanced arguments, writing from both sides of wartime issues such as conscription.

In maths, Year 6 is all about consolidating previous knowledge and building on this so that children can apply their mathematical skills to a range of different problems. We will be focusing a lot on fractions, decimals and percentages this term. Times tables are key to success with this – please keep practising!

Other subjects...

In R.E. the children will be finishing their study of 'Milestones and Meaning' – they will be reflecting on milestones in their own lives and then reflecting on those of others as they learn about the importance of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah for Jewish boys and girls, Confirmation for Catholics and Amrit for Sikhs.

P.E. this term is basketball – this will take place outside in all but torrential rain. Please ensure children have warm kit, as the weather gets colder. The children will also be participating in gym during PPA time.

The children will be using their computing skills across the curriculum and they will be participating in a *Charanga* music unit called 'You've got a friend'.

During PPA time, the children will be finishing their 'Protective Behaviours' unit of work before moving on to discuss juicy *P4C* questions and current affairs.

Helping your child at home ...

- Homework will always be **given on a Friday**. On every other Friday, children will be given a learning log topic – they will be expected to produce a double-page project on the given topic. We will always discuss ideas in class first and the children will be given suggestions for what should be included – we will then share the learning logs as a class once they have been marked. These are a great opportunity for children to develop their writing techniques and targets and engage their metacognitive skills and attitudes – best efforts will always be rewarded with a suitable token.
- On the other Friday, the children will be given a piece of homework to practise their SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a piece of homework to develop their mathematical skills.
- All homework is **due in by Wednesday** at the latest. Children will be expected to complete homework during a subsequent lunch break if it is not handed in. Children should be encouraged to complete homework as independently as possible – we really want them to come and talk to us if they are having any difficulties so we can give them further support.
- The children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day, pushing the volume that they are reading! Please encourage them to read aloud if possible. Reading records will be taken in on a Tuesday. They are doing really well with getting these in and are moving around our rewards board 😊!
- 'Sentence of the Week' will be tested every **Monday**, with times tables/arithmetic tests on alternate on **Fridays**.
- Children in Mr. Carter's maths group will receive weekly maths homework – this will usually be set on a Friday and due in by the following Friday. The children in this group will also practise their times tables weekly (usually on a Friday).

Class 6 information ...

- Tuesday 31st October – Class 6 trip to R.A.F Cosford.
- Wednesday 8th November – 'Healthy Body Day': Class 6 will be presenting their healthy eating project work to the rest of the school and they will be sharing information with families in the after school event (3:15 – 4:15).
- Friday 10th November – Laying of our poppies at the war memorial.
- Friday 16th December – large-scale Spitfire sculpture-making day (in school).
- Class 6 will also be creating and serving up their healthy breakfasts to the rest of the school this term.