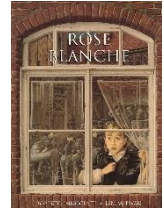




# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 6 Newsletter Autumn 1



This half term the children will be focusing on the history topic, "What happened in World War 2?" The topic will study the key events of the war, the role of women and how it changed, as well as the lasting effects it had on the people of Britain.

### English

Our work in English lessons this half term centres on the text 'Rose Blanche' by Ian McEwan. The text links nicely to our work on World War 2, offering the children an insight into wartime Germany. It also helps to teach children about the Holocaust.

We will be continuing to work on our handwriting this term and will be continuing to look out for our neatest writers to start using handwriting pen.

Please encourage your child to join their handwriting, keeping it clear.

### Reading and Homework

Your children should now be bringing home an additional book that they have chosen from the Year 6 Recommended Reads. This list contains 40 different books to those they read in Year 5. This book can be read alongside their reading book and shared with the rest of the family to develop the children's love of reading. As well as this, children have their school reading book which they should be aiming to read at least five times a week for entry into our weekly Star Readers raffle.

Thank you to those parents supporting their children with their home learning. This is just to remind children that homework is due back in school on Wednesday each week.

### Maths

In the early part of the half term we will be consolidating the children's understanding of place value, looking at numbers up to ten million.

We will also look at rounding numbers to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand and will learn how to multiply or divide any number by 10, 100 and 1000.

Later in the half term, we will be practising the formal methods of multiplication and division.

Please continue to support your child by practising their times tables and division facts with them each day.

### Science

Our science topic for this term focuses on the human circulatory system, asking the question, "What would a journey through your body be like?" The children will have the opportunity to learn about the workings of the circulatory system including the heart, lungs and the blood. They will also link this to a healthy lifestyle, considering how making healthy choices impacts on the efficiency of their circulatory system.



### P.E.



For PE this half term, Year 6 will be taking part in **Swimming** at Fenton Manor. Our swimming lessons will take place each **Wednesday** (starting on 25<sup>th</sup> September). Please ensure that children have the correct kit with them on Wednesday, including a swimming cap and towel. If your child cannot participate due to health reasons, please ensure a note is sent in to school or advise a member of staff on the gate in the morning.