

“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”

And so...let the adventure begin

# Year 6 Newsletter

## A Warm Welcome...

Firstly, I'd like to say a very warm welcome to all of Year 6 and to parents. This year is certainly a crucial one, filled with challenge, excitement and plenty more! From day one, the children will be working hard to ensure they fulfill every ounce of their potential ready for their SATs, which are at the start of the Summer Term. They will learn to aim higher, reach further, dream bigger and to be confident, independent and enthusiastic learners who simply thirst for more! I look forward to the year ahead...



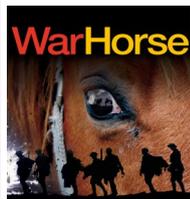
## Britain, Battles and Bravery. Why was the Great War so great?

It is the year of adventure here at BRW! The children will be immersed in a world where everything begins with an adventure and ends with one... and we'll be starting with topics that the children have suggested themselves. We'll begin by remembering the thousands of soldiers who gave their lives for us today by venturing back to 1914 into the deep, muddy trenches and battlefields that made the chilling and heroic story of the Great War. We'll also be venturing into the world of computer games to inspire creative writing, with each topic having a strong geographical focus. Glapton Woods will be our home for many adventures this term as part of our Forest School Program and we hope to visit in the second half of the term. Children should be prepared with suitable footwear and a warm, water proof coat as we will be going whatever the weather!



Our RE topics this term are Loving, Commitment and Expectation, which will be at the heart of all the teaching in Year 6. The children will study these topics including related Bible stories alongside a range of scientific investigations led from the children's intriguing questions with Mrs Maylard-Mason.

In Mathematics we will begin by multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000 and converting, comparing, reducing and ordering fractions. The focus will also be on improving the speed and accuracy of the children's mental mathematics skills and developing a thirst and passion for problem solving. A good place to start would be to ensure your child knows **all** the multiplication facts off by heart - this really is a **crucial** skill and helps children enormously.



In English, we will begin with the class read, 'War Horse,' a poignant story by Michael Morpurgo about an extraordinary odyssey - what would you do if you were alone in No Man's Land? We will be using technology as a stimulus for story telling before embarking on page-turning adventure story writing of our own!

Art sessions will involve the study of official war artists and experimenting with ink and charcoal to create their own masterpieces. Keep your eyes (and taste buds!) peeled for master chefs of the future as in D&T the children will use food supplies available in 1914 to design, prepare and serve up their own hearty dish of the day! Do I hear stomachs rumbling already?



## Diary Dates

**Swimming starts** Monday  
day 8th September

**International Evening**  
Friday 19th September

**INSET**  
Friday 3rd October

**St Vincent DePaul Sleepout**  
Friday 10th October  
Thursday 19th December

**Parents Consultations**  
Tuesday 14th October  
4-7pm  
Weds 15th October  
1.30-3.30pm

**Remembrance Liturgy and poetry Recital**  
Tues 11th November 3pm

**Horrible Histories Theatre Visit Years 5 and 6**  
Friday 21st November

**Advent Celebration**  
Thursday 4th December  
7pm

**Academy Concert**  
Weds 10th December

**Christmas Jumper Day**  
Friday 12th December

**Carols Around the Tree**  
Friday 12th December



### Notices

There will be a short Year 6 Parents Meeting next Thursday 11th September at 3.30pm

I look forward to seeing you there.

Swimming will begin next Monday. Full PE kits must be in school on Monday for the entire week. Games coaching will be every Friday.

Year 6 will also be enjoying ice skating lessons on Tuesday afternoons!



## Ways To Help

Supporting your child will be vital this year. Here are a few ways you can help.

- 1) Check homework diaries regularly for up-to-date information and sign weekly. The children will be set homework daily which **MUST** be completed.
- 2) Regularly revisit multiplication facts with your child– this really does make a difference!
- 3) Encourage your children to read at home as much as possible and ask them questions about the story plot, parts they're enjoying etc. The more children read, the more tools they'll have to write!
- 4) Visit the library regularly to research topics of interest.
- 5) Ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, has full PE kit and is on time for school.

All your support really will help!

## Educational Visits

At the end of the Autumn Term (Dec 8th-10th) the children will have the opportunity to take part in a class residential visit to 'The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre' in Crich, Derbyshire.

The visit will last for three days and will give the children the opportunity to enjoy exciting outdoor pursuits, liturgies and specially designed masses.

This visit is always an unforgettable one for the children, where they have the opportunity to make their own spiritual and emotional journeys. It is also a great chance for the children to increase their independence by spending two nights away from home, enjoying team building activities and create memories to treasure forever.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and see me. I look forward to the year ahead! It's going to be an adventure and a half!

Miss Ferrara

Year 6 will be enjoying visitors from a theatre company looking at energy and climate change.

Bonjour! We will be studying the battlefields in France and learning the language!

Horrible Histories will really bring the story of WWI to life! A visit to the theatre is planned for October. More details to follow.

Explore  
Dream  
Discover

Make life your  
biggest  
adventure!

Look out for the  
Adventure Satchel  
visiting your home  
very soon!