

# Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2020-2021



Well done to all the pupils for a very enjoyable 1<sup>st</sup> half term

## Unit of Learning:

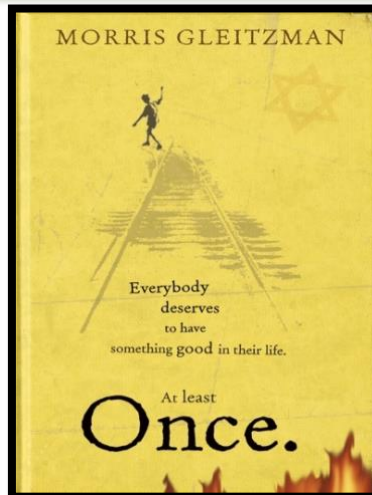
Our unit of learning is centred around **Britain at War**. During this half term, we will explore Britain's involvement in the WW2 and the history attached to it.

### END GOAL – Christmas poem

For our end goal, we are going to write a Christmas poem from the perspective of a soldier to his family. We will explore the life of a soldier to support our writing.

## Once

This half term we will be reading 'Once'. This is a 2005 children's novel by Australian author Morris Gleitzman. It is about a Jewish boy named Felix, who lives in Poland, and is on a quest to find his book-keeper parents after he sees Nazis burning the books from a Catholic Orphanage library in which he stays. This novel will provide the class with a range of writing opportunities and comprehension based tasks.



## Uniform

Please **label all items** of clothing with your child's name to enable us to return lost property to the correct child. Last term we had several missing items that we were unable to return due to names being washed off. Children should be wearing a **school logo** jumper. Please remember earrings are **not permitted** at school. Children wearing earrings to school will be asked to remove them.

## Home Learning

Most importantly, your child must read at home, each night wherever possible, in order to make good progress. Parents/carers can help pupils by reading alongside with them and by asking questions in relation to the text. Your child will continue to receive weekly spellings and times tables challenges, alongside additional maths and English tasks. These will be set on Friday and must be completed by the following Friday. Pupils are expected to read every day and parents/carers need to acknowledge this through a signature once a week. The journals are checked in school daily.

## Physical Education

P.E. will be taught on a Tuesday (6MB) and Wednesday (6DM) afternoon this half term. The lessons will be based on activities and games linked to rounders. Children must remember to bring their kit at all times for lessons. Children can wear a PE kit for the duration of the day when they have a PE lesson, As the weather is now starting to become colder the pupils are expected to bring in warmer, suitable clothing to stay warm.

## Science topic- Electricity

The next topic will comprise of a range of topics. Children will be able to:

- Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit
- Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches
- Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.

## Showbie

Just a reminder that all Showbie work is online for each day's learning if the children have to isolate. Children will be able to access their learning online every morning- teachers will try and respond to queries at the end of the day. There is no expectation that children have to complete work if they are unwell.

## Value of the Month

This term, we will explore the value of **peace**. We explore our values in depth through assemblies, PSHE lessons and across the wider curriculum. We will also be exploring the theme of **tolerance**.

This year has both been challenging and rewarding for the children so far. The children have worked extremely hard across all areas of the curriculum. In particular, the children should be very proud of the 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' display which presents an array of outstanding pieces of learning. In addition to that, we are very grateful for the support you have provided the children during these challenging times. Once again, a wonderful start to the year and let's hope that this continues as we move towards Christmas! Miss Brown and Mr Mitakos