

YEAR 6 Autumn NEWSLETTER 2025 Mr Hutton- Mon, Mrs Sawyer Tues- Fri

Welcome back to the autumn term and welcome back to New Delaval! I hope that everyone enjoyed their 6 weeks holiday. This term brings two exciting new topics which the children will be studying – firstly, “South America” will be our focus and after that, we will begin exploring “World War Two”.

In our ‘South America’ topic, children will explore the following:

- Human and physical geography.
- The Amazon River.
- Deforestation of the Amazon rainforest.
- Cocoa bean trade in South America.

In our ‘World War Two’ topic, children will consider...

- Who were the main parties involved?
- Why/how did the war begin and end?
- What happened at Dunkirk?
- Who are the RAF?

Our RE topics are ‘Creation and Science: conflicting or complimentary?’ and ‘Why do people believe in God?’ Our PSHE units are ‘Rules and Laws’ and ‘How are we Healthy?’

Organisation: Year 6 is all about making sure that the children are prepared for secondary school. Children need to make sure their reading book is in every day. I will check diaries are signed (by a parent/carer) on a Friday, with a minimum of 3 comments. In Year 6 children can write their own comments but they need to be checked by a parent/carer.

PE will be on **Thursdays and Fridays**.

Homework will be handed out on a **Friday** and expected in on a **Wednesday**. The consequence of not handing in homework/having diary signed/having correct PE kit is staying in at break.

Spellings will still be tested half termly, with a spelling bee at the end of the half term.

One of our class texts this term will be ‘Vanishing Rainforest’ by Richard Platt. Why is the Brazilian rainforest vanishing so fast? Why is it essential not only to the people and animals within it, but to the whole world? This story, seen through the eyes of a child called Remaema, describes how the Yanomami tribe are battling against potential developers.

After half term we will be reading ‘When the Sky Falls’ by Phil Earle. Set in 1941 and war is raging. One angry boy has been sent to the London. There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children but a love for her zoo.

We will also spend some time reading our new Character Education books.

Character Education

RESPECT characteristics are at the heart of the curriculum at New Delaval. Mr Hutton will be leading Year 6’s Character Education assemblies on Mondays. The characteristics the whole school will be focusing on this term are: Teamwork/Communication and Empathy.

Our science topics this term will be Animals including Humans followed by Properties and Changes of Materials.