

YEAR 6 autumn NEWSLETTER 2023

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” 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.
- The Amazon rainforest.
- Cocoa bean trade in South America.

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

- Why the war started.
- Evacuation and rationing.
- Women’s role in the war.
- A general chronology of the events.

During the 2nd term we will of course have our usual Remembrance week and focus on both world wars, in particular the use of animals in war.

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 London. There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children but a love for her zoo.

Other goings on in Year 6:

- Commando Joes and NUF sessions
- Seven Stories writing workshops (in school and at Seven Stories.)
- Increased SATS and exam practice.
- Practise of the 50 spellings list.
- Reading Plus sessions.
- Rockstars practice.

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

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 **Mondays and Thursdays**. Some PE lessons will be with Mr Hutton!

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.