



# Year 5/6 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School  
Was World War II worth the sacrifice

## Autumn 2

After an exceptional opening half term from all of our Year 5 & 6 pupils, our staffing team cannot wait to get back into school and continue where we left off! We will offer you a brief overview of our curriculum coverage for the autumn term.

### English:

Whilst we will cover numerous genres of reading and writing over the half-term, arguably the standout work will focus on a study of fictional writing, which orientates around a study of 'Carrie's War'. The children will be exposed to numerous passages of the text, we will unpick the qualities and structures in each of them and provide the children with the platform to produce high quality work of their own. As part of our English lessons, the children will continue to develop their grammatical knowledge. Whilst this is essential preparation for the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) SATs tests (for Year 6's), these sessions should also have a significant impact on the children's writing.

### Reading:

At the start of every day, all children will engage in a 30-minute session designed to develop children's reading skills, understanding of mature vocabulary and ability to apply these skills to challenging comprehension tasks. At home, as part of the children's 'Half Term Home Learning Menu', we are setting the children the task of reading at home at least 3 times per week (one of which should be with an adult). The children have a model for how to record this in their Planners. If they achieve this weekly reading target, their class teacher will sign their 'Reading Reward Chart' (in Planners).

### Maths:

Over the half-term, all children will actively participate in 15-minute daily arithmetic sessions. These sessions are designed to develop all pupils' abilities to tackle number-based questions with both speed and accuracy. In maths lessons, our Year 5 pupils will develop their understanding of multiplication & division and perimeter & area, whilst the Year 6 pupils will focus on fractions and position & direction.

### ICT:

We will spend time re-enforcing the children's e-safety awareness and understanding of coding.

### Science:

Our focus will be on the topic of 'Electricity' and will include a study of what electricity is and how we control and manage it to help power the world we live in.

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#### Reminder 1

All jumpers / school hoodies need to be clearly named.

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#### Reminder 2

Children MUST have their water bottles and coats with them in school every day.

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#### Reminder 3

Children MUST have their PE kit in school every day.

**History:**

Our umbrella topic is 'Was World War II worth the sacrifice?'. This will include exploration of who fought in the war, where the war was fought, how the war changed Europe and what were the sacrifices made by the people of Britain during the war?

**R.E.:**

We will delve into a unit entitled 'Expressing Faith Through the Arts'.

**Art & design and technology:**

Our time will be spent exploring a unit called 'Make Do and Mend', which relates to sewing and product design and understanding that materials have functional and aesthetic qualities.

**French:**

The children will enjoy a unit entitled 'Sortir Diner' (eating out).

**Music:**

Children will be focusing on singing in unison and harmony, which will culminate with singing in the community.

**P.S.H.E.:** Our second half term is spent exploring a unit called 'Celebrating Difference,' which has logical ties to our umbrella topic.

**P.E.:** Whilst P.E. is planned to take place on Tuesdays and Fridays, children must have their full P.E. kit in school EVERY DAY, as plans can change at very short notice.

Below are a few other key pieces of information that parents and children will need to be aware of this half-term:

Our first day back will be completely off timetable and all of our time and efforts will be thrown into our very first 'Mindfulness Day'. The children will be participating in multiple sessions including rock painting, yoga and archery.

This half term, children will receive a Homework Menu, which will include both must-do and optional tasks. These will include tasks to be completed using technology and apps. The 'Half Term Home Learning Menu' will be submitted to children via Teams and they are to return their work via Teams too. Reminders of children's Teams log-in details can be found at the back of their Planners.

Each week's spellings will be glued into Planners and tests are timetabled to take place on Fridays.

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