

THORNWOOD



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CURRICULAR INFORMATION

Term 1: August - October

Class: Primary 6

Class Teacher: Mr Graham & Mrs Granger

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LITERACY

- Primary 6 will focussing on the text 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. We have been sharing this story as a class and referring to new vocabulary to improve understanding and develop our comprehension skills. This text makes links to our IDL focus for this term 'Peace and Conflict'.
- During writing lessons, we will be learning new descriptive language techniques through the use of similes, metaphors and personification. We will also develop our ability to be persuasive when planning and writing our vice-captain speeches! Our punctuation focus will be on using commas effectively for a range of purposes.
- On Monday's, Mrs Granger will be focussing on sentence structure. We will look at different ways to expand a sentence, using a variety of punctuation. P6 will learn to use comparative adjectives and transition words and phrases in their written work.



NUMERACY AND MATHS

- Primary 6 will complete daily numeracy 'Chilli Challenges' where they will be given the opportunity to self-select their own levels of challenge and support. Throughout Term 1 there will be a focus on place value, estimating and rounding and using addition and subtraction to solve a range of problems. We will broaden our mathematical vocabulary to support us in choosing the correct operation when solving word problems. With Mrs Granger they will develop their knowledge of measure, data handling, and volume.
- In addition, Primary 6 will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge of place value and sequencing numbers to produce timelines linked to our IDL focus.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

- This term, we will be linking our social studies and technology lessons with our novel study to form our IDL (interdisciplinary learning) theme, 'Peace and Conflict'. Primary 6 will explore different wars and battles throughout history, learn the main causes of war and compare our lives to people in the past. We will develop an understanding of how conflict is resolved and use this to support us in solving issues of conflict in our own lives.
- During technology lessons, we will be learning how to use our iPad's safely and appropriately along with developing our ability to access, edit, save and retrieve files. This will support the children when using Teams software.



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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Primary 6 will continue to explore strategies for resilience through the Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) programme.
- During P.E. lessons, we will focus on teamwork and good sportsmanship. Primary 6 will have a block of tennis coaching on Mondays and on Wednesdays P6 will be focussing on Fitness through circuit training.
- Our SHANARRI focus this term will be on Safe and Respected. This will link in part with this term's IDL. We will also discuss the importance of cleanliness, hygiene and safety when preparing food.



RELIGIOUS AND MORAL EDUCATION

- Through our topic of 'Peace and Conflict' P6 will explore the reasons why wars have happened throughout history. They will explore how religious beliefs can be a cause of conflict, how this can affect different people around the world and how religious tolerance and respect for others can help contribute towards a peaceful society.
- Primary 6 will continue to practise and promote our school values of Honesty, Kindness, Respect, Good Sportsmanship and Doing our Best.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

- Art and Design - We will be using 'Peace and Conflict' and 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' as a stimulus for artwork by using our imagination and creativity to explore characters, people in the past and recreate settings. Class lessons will focus on line, colour and texture and pupils will have the opportunity to experiment with a variety of materials and create some 3D sculptures.
- Drama - We will be using role play and 'Talk for Writing' actions to develop our understanding of 'Peace and Conflict' and 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Primary 6 will act out parts of famous battles and consider how people would be feeling as they took part.



Further Information

Key Dates

Parents' Open
Afternoon: Wednesday
3rd September from
1.45-2.45pm.

125 years celebration:
Friday 19th September.

September weekend –
School closed on
Friday 25th and
Monday 29th
September.

In-service Day – Friday
10th October.

October Holidays –
Monday 13th – Friday
17th October.

Gym Days

Gym will take place every
Monday and Wednesday.
We will aim to complete the
daily mile everyday (weather
permitting).

**Please remember not
to wear jewellery on
gym days.**

Home Learning

- Homework will be uploaded to Teams on Monday to be completed by Thursday evening of each week.
- Homework will consist of spelling practice, reading and Sumdog.
- On occasion there may be additional home learning linked to IDL focus.

IDL Key Vocabulary

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| • Peace | • Ceasefire | • Relationships |
| • Conflict | • Retaliation | • Victory |
| • War | • Weapons | • Negotiate |
| • Civilian | • Ally | • Power |
| • Justice | • Soldier | • Solution |
| • Aggressor | • Tolerance | • Propaganda |
| • Reconciliation | • Combat | • Revolution |
| • Forgiveness | • Army | • Civil |
| • Pacifism | • Ariel | • Nationalism |
| • Resolution | • Campaign | • Ideology |
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Home learning will be accessed via Microsoft Teams. Primary 6 have been shown how to use this platform.

