



# Year 6 News

## Autumn Term2

Hello everybody! We hope that you have had a good break, both during half-term and while your children were away at PGL. Those that went had an amazing time. During the first half-term we were really pleased with the effort made by all children in year six and some great progress has been made. It is noticeable how the children have raised their game from year 5. This effort needs to continue over the next few weeks before Christmas. The next few months are all about getting your children ready for secondary school. We are working on our Moorside values of: understanding, collaboration, pride and aspiration, as we feel these will best equip your child for the transition to secondary. Part of this are the government mandated SATS tests, which take place during May 2018. We will be in touch very soon with a date for a parent's meeting on SATS as soon as we have finalised it.

### Maths

We will further be working on times tables and arithmetic fluency, however, our primary focus this half-term is on fractions. This can be a difficult topic for some children to get their heads around so your encouragement will be needed! By the end of the unit children will be able to add, divide, multiply and subtract fractions, as well as simplifying and finding equivalents.

### E-Safety

Recently there have been a number of high-profile cases of children being groomed by people they have become 'friends' with on social media. Further cases of cyber-bullying have also made national headlines. It is vitally important that you know what your child is doing online at all times and have the ability to check their activity by holding their passwords to all accounts. If you need further guidance on this see [thinkyouknow.org.uk](http://thinkyouknow.org.uk)

### Topic

The children will begin investigating a period in history next week with a focus on World War One. Our enquiry question is: 'What was life in the trenches really like?' and we will try to answer this. In geography we will also be looking at maps and how features of the landscape are represented, with reference to the battlefields of World War One.

### Homework and general notices

Children need to continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars and practice their handwriting. Further homework will be sent home every week on a Wednesday and expected back the following Tuesday. We are available to talk to parents every day after school and are pleased to do so. Please follow our school twitter accounts for regular class updates:  
@MrFarrowMPA - @MissCammMPA - @MrsRosenbloom

Thank you for your continued support,

**Mr Farrow, Miss Camm, Mrs Rosenbloom.**

### English

This term, our English lessons will be based around the book: 'the Silver Donkey' by Sonya Harnett. It is based during World War One and tells the story of a soldier who is trying to escape from the horrors of the frontline. Later in the half-term we will study the poetry and life of Wilfred Owen.

### Science

In Science lessons, we will learn about electrical circuits. We will learn about what affects the brightness of a bulb in a circuit, what materials are conductors of electricity and understand that switches control devices. We are planning to apply our knowledge to build our own Morse code machines.

### Art

The children will learn about shading techniques and apply that to produce landscape pictures of the battlefields of World War One.

### PE

Children should have a PE kit in school at ALL times because timetables can change on a weekly basis. However, our planned times are:  
6R: Wednesday and Thursday  
6C: Thursday and Friday  
6F: Wednesday and Thursday