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HALF TERMLY LETTER – YEAR 6 Miss Bayly

WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THESE SUBJECTS IN OUR TOPIC WORK:	IN OUR LITERACY HOUR THE MAIN SUBJECTS WILL BE:	MATHS:	MESSAGES :
<p><u>HISTORY FOCUS</u> This will be the final half term of our World War Two topic. Because the children now have a good knowledge of the key events, they will be given the opportunity to pursue an area of the topic that has most interested them – such as rationing, the blitz or evacuees. They will prepare a presentation (albeit a Powerpoint, poster, performance, model etc) to share with other members of the school and visitors in the form of a museum exhibition to be held in our classroom.</p> <p><u>DIARY DATES:</u> Trip to Imperial War Museum – 13/01/10 Our Class Assembly – 21/01/10 Creative Day – 28/01/10 Yr 6 Cycle Training – 08/02/10 Finish half term – 13/02/09 <i>Mon - Spelling / Table Tests</i> <i>Tues - Literacy/Numeracy</i> <i>Homework in and out</i> <i>Wed - Reading Record check</i></p>	<p><u>TEXT LEVEL:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We continue to explore the novel <i>Goodnight Mr Tom</i> by Michelle Magorian this half term. Our genre focus will be on persuasive writing (letters, adverts etc) and playscripts. As well as these writing focuses, there will be strong emphasis on drama activities to deepen the children’s understanding of this complex story. <p><u>SENTENCE LEVEL:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our particular area of development will be extending punctuation (brackets, apostrophes) and past tense verbs. <p><u>WORD LEVEL:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The children will learn to broaden their use of ambitious vocabulary in their writing to include more ‘wow words’ – a priority this half term. 	<p><u>MATHS:</u></p> <p>Main Focuses: Measure – converting to different units (eg g to kg), solving word problems, knowing the vocabulary of capacity, length and weight. Mental Maths coaching and Practical Maths problem-solving sessions in small groups run weekly in class to fine-tune important skills. We will continue to have times table and division facts tests in class weekly (specified in homework diaries). Other Maths homework continues to be due in every Thursday.</p> <p><u>OTHER AREAS:</u> <u>SCIENCE</u> – Life Cycles <u>ICT</u> – Multimedia Presentations <u>R.E.</u> – Hinduism <u>P.E.</u> – Hockey and Gym <u>DT</u> – Model-making for animation</p>	<p>Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas period and are looking forward to the year ahead. This term we welcome to the Year 6 team Mr Eitel who will be teaching Science to the whole class and taking small groups for Literacy and Maths throughout the Spring. Please feel free to pop up to the ‘old library,’ (where he will be based for most of his teaching) to meet him if you so wish. As the children progress through Year 6 and get ever closer to their move to secondary school and SATs tests I am keen to give them the best possible grounding in the key skills of Literacy and Numeracy. For this reason, if any of you who have been CRB-checked are able to give an hour or so of your time to supporting individuals with their times tables, key words, reading etc during the school day it would be much appreciated. Please let me know if this is a possibility.</p> <p>Class teacher</p> <p>Head teacher</p>