

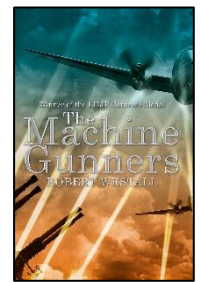
Year 6



Happy New Year to all our King Edwin families, and welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope everybody had an enjoyable Christmas spent with friends and family.

The children came back last week and certainly hit the ground running; it was a fantastic start to 2023. The Year 6 pupils only have 7 months left in primary school before they make the big move to secondary so we are all working hard to prepare them for this transition period in their lives. So what can the children expect this half term?

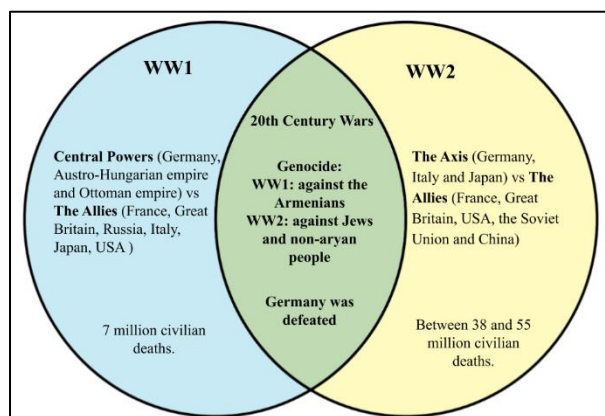
English Class Reading Book - The Machine Gunners by Robert Westall



Maths - Ratio and Proportion; Algebra; Fractions, Decimals and Percentages; Area, Perimeter and Volume; and finally, Statistics. Please see the following website for further details:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources?year=year-6-new&term=spring>

Units of Learning



History - The impact of WWI and WWII on our community

We will be summarising the main events of both world wars to give children an understanding of these significant time periods in British history. We will be thinking about the reasons for war, the amount of casualties, the geography surrounding the wars, the

technology and weaponry used, the significant people of these times and in a few weeks time, we'll focus in on Nottinghamshire - how did the wars effect our locality? Towards the end of the unit (Week Beginning 6th February) we will be having a WWII day in school. The children will be encouraged to come to school that day in WWII clothing. This could be as simple as their school uniform with an identity tag (evacuee) or how about a pilot for those more adventurous children? More information to follow in the



coming weeks.

Science - Evolution and Inheritance

This unit builds on the children's learning from the Year 3 Rocks unit as well as the Animals including Humans and Living Things and their Habitats units. As such, it is important that children have the appropriate understanding of fossils, habitats and human development in order to grasp the concepts and ideas presented to them in these lessons. Children will learn about variation and adaptation. They will be able to explore how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution. They will examine the scientific evidence from plants and animals that has been gathered to support the theory of evolution.



For more detailed information regarding our History and Science units of learning, please see our website and see our knowledge organisers:

<https://www.kingedwin.notts.sch.uk/children/year-six/>

After-school clubs this half-term

Monday - Third Space Learning - beginning 16th January

Thursday - Maths club and Reading club - beginning 12th January



Hoodies

We have been asked by several parents whether they can order any more hoodies. If you are interested, please visit the Year 6 website and see the 'Hoodies Letter'. If you can hand these in no later than Monday 23rd January, we will put through another order then.



Homework

Please remember that there is a Bingo homework available to see on our website. There is also a copy of this on the children's TEAM page. Activities 1,2 and 4 are tasks that **must** be done on a daily/weekly basis. These will help children prepare for the upcoming SATs test, but also expose the pupils to the expectations of homework received at secondary school.

The Importance of Reading

<https://raising2children.com/the-importance-of-reading/>

"The more that you read, the more you will know, the more that you know, the more places you will go"
Dr Seuss



- Cognitive Development**
Supports memory function and processing information.
- Boosts Sleep**
As part of a bedtime routine, encourages relaxation and feel calm
- Attention Span**
Increases concentration and listening skills
- Financial Costs**
Low Levels of literacy costs the UK taxpayer £2.5 billion every year (KPMG, 2009) as it undermines our economic competitiveness.
- Language Skills**
Exposure to words extends vocabulary and literacy
- Creativity**
Supports the imagination through characters, places and aspirations
- Mental Health**
In 2020, children who enjoy reading are 3 times more likely to have good mental health
- Books Galore**
Those who own a book, are 6 times more likely to read above their expected reading level. (2.2% vs 3.6%)

Key Dates:

Confirmation of Secondary School Place - 1st March

SATs Week - Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May

Residential - Sunday 11th June - Wednesday 14th June

