

Akrotiri School **YEAR 6**

Spring Term 2 2020 (Feb-Apr)





Our learning this term:

This term we will be starting a topic entitled, 'A Child's War'. The children have all been invited to an 'Evacuees Party – on Monday 9th March – which will be help us as we learn about the experiences of children who were evacuated during the war. We will also read memoires of people who are were evacuated and building up a picture of what life was like. In addition to this, we will also be learning about the experiences of children in Germany during World War II through the eyes of a story character, Rose Blanche. We will be looking at scenes from this story and bringing them to life through descriptive writing.

In English, there will be on continual focus on grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and spelling. We will also be reading stories and other texts, improving the children's comprehension skills and their ability to support their answers and ideas with evidence.

In Mathematics, we will continue to sharpen the children's arithmetic skills. We will also cover a wide range of other topics such as area and perimeter, angles, 2D & 3D shape, coordinates, time, measures and statistics.

Although the emphasis on English and Maths will increase in the run-up to Easter, the children will still have opportunities to learn in other subjects. In **P.E.** the children will be doing athletics and gymnastics.

In **Music**, the children will continue to work with Mr Kille (Cyprus Music Service), exploring aspects of the music curriculum through guitars.

Mrs Humphries' class will have Forest Schools lessons on Tuesdays. At the same time, Mr Collins' class will have computing and science (where topic is on 'light').

Homework:

The Spring Term for Year 6 is very important and the homework that we set is all intended to support and enhance the learning that the children do in school. We will continue to set tasks for English and mathematics using the various SATs Buster books which the children have been given, or examples of SATs questions.

On Thursdays and Fridays, we will continue to provide a time before school for children to come into school early to complete some of their homework. Attendance is optional — children can choose to come every week, occasionally or not come at all. The children will need to come to their classroom — from 0720 hrs at the earliest; the teachers will be there to offer help as well as supervision.

Reading:

We will continue to emphasise the importance of reading at home and hope that the children will find this enjoyable and fulfilling. The expectation is that the children read for at least an hour a week, spread across four or more days. Ideally, children need to read for a sustained period of at least 15 minutes.

Dates for your calendar:

On Tuesday 3rd March, at 13:00 hrs in the School Hall, there will be a meeting for parents of Y6 children. The main focus of the meeting will be the Year 6 Tests (SATs): we will provide information about the tests coming up in May (w/c 11th May) and answer any questions parents may have about them.

We will also share some information about the **Y6** residential trip, which is taking place 15th - 18th June.