

Year 6 Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to Year 6. I hope that everyone has enjoyed being back at school and eager to begin their final year at Milldene. I am very much looking forward to this year and we have a busy, but enjoyable, term planned, including our fabulous residential trip. Please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm happy to talk to you about your child's progress any time; we don't have to wait until parents' evening.

Autumn first half term

Our focus will be World War II. The children have already enjoyed unpacking an evacuee's suitcase and researching evacuation.



In history, we will be exploring the reasons the war began, the countries involved and the blitz.

Autumn second half term

After half-term, as the temperature drops, our focus will be the Arctic and Antarctic. In geography we will be exploring population and reasons that populations can change across the world and over time.

Writing

Year 6 will initially be focusing on information texts before moving on to historical narratives, using WWII as inspiration. We will also spend time consolidating the knowledge and skills from previous year groups, before moving on to Year 6 expectations.



As the term unfolds, we will begin to look at diary writing, poetry and short stories, with the Ernest Shackleton's journey to the Antarctic as our inspiration.

We will focus on how to structure these texts, whilst introducing some Year 6 grammar.

Reading

In Year 6, we use the whole class guided reading approach and will continue this throughout the Autumn Term, whilst also providing focused support on retrieval and inference skills. Our class novel this half term is *Blackout* by Tony Bradman, which is set in World War II and always a popular read.



Next half term we will be reading *Race to the Frozen North* by Catherine Johnson, which is Mrs Smith's favourite book!

Mathematics

This term, we will be focusing on Place Value, decimals and multiplication and division. As the term develops, we will begin to deepen our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, and geometry. Our Maths learning will involve reasoning and problem-solving opportunities so that pupils gain confidence in applying their knowledge in a variety of contexts.

First half-term homework

A letter will be sent home detailing the homework expectation on 14th September. If you do not receive this, please contact me.

P.E. Days

P.E. lessons during the first half term will be on Tuesday and Thursday. We are learning skills to improve proficiency in football and dodgeball.

First half-term project

'What was World War II like for a child?' You can take this in any direction you wish and present it in a way you like, for example a fact sheet of aircraft or fashions during WW2, bake using WW2 recipe, or even a scene in a box of the Blitz.