



# Jessie Younghusband School

## Year 6 – Curriculum Letter – Spring Term

I hope you all had a good Christmas and Happy New Year. May I take this opportunity, on behalf of Mrs Broughton, Mrs Kibble and myself, to say thank you for all of the wonderful Christmas cards and gifts that we received at the end of last term. The purpose of this curriculum letter is to provide useful information relating to your child's learning this term, as well as a summary of the highlights of the autumn term.

### Highlights from last term:

The autumn term was an extremely busy one for us in Year 6, learning about Ancient Egypt and the adventures of Charles Darwin and the voyage of the Beagle. There were many highlights, including:

- The 'Bikeability' cycle training week.
- Our time away at Bowles Outdoor Centre.
- Performing our class assembly on the highlights from Bowles.
- Organising and running our own stalls at the Christmas fair, which contributed over £100 towards the total raised.
- Performing at the KS2 Christmas concert in December.

### This term:

This week, we have begun our 'World War Two' topic, a significant event in British and world history. The children have already been shown lots of enthusiasm and curiosity and enjoyed a morning with Paul Ullson. Our World War Two Day will be held in school later this term, as part of this exciting unit of learning.



Alongside our exciting topic work this term, we will also be continuing to prepare and revise for the forthcoming National Curriculum tests. The children will be sitting practise tests again this term in order to help give them a sense of what test week will be like in May. They will sit papers in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Maths. Please feel free to speak to me at any time if you have any questions about the tests as the term goes on. A more formal information meeting will follow closer to the tests in May.

### P.E.

P.E. lessons will primarily be on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings for the spring term. I would be grateful if P.E. kits could be in school all week from Monday morning, as the children may need them for clubs and ad-hoc sporting activities at different points during the week. Please ensure kits are taken home over the weekend to be washed. If your child wears earrings and it is not possible for them to be removed for P.E., please let me know. If children would like to play football at lunchtimes, then they will need a full change of clothes (tracksuit bottoms and tracksuit top).

### Home learning

Home learning tasks continue to be set once a week, typically in Literacy and Maths but occasionally in other subjects as well. This will be set each Friday and due in again the following Wednesday. Additional copies of the tasks, if required, are left in folders in the classroom. Occasionally, you may wish to add a comment on to your child's home learning if there is anything you feel I should know about how they got on.

### **Reading**

Regular reading is essential, daily if possible. This could include reading books (fiction and non-fiction), newspapers, magazines/comics etc. In fact, the wider the range of genres that your child reads, the better. Lots of our writing this term will relate to tailoring writing for different audiences, purposes and genres, so reading a range of texts will help them really understand how writing differs depending on the context. Many children will be reading independently, but please do continue to discuss the books or texts your child is reading from time to time – this helps to gauge their understanding of what they are reading.

### **Spellings**

Spellings patterns and rules will continue to be learnt and explored in class. Thank you for your continued support in helping your children to learn them at home.

### **Diary dates:**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Children's concert at CFT (afternoon)

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Cross-country running event at Bishop Luffa

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Magistrate visit to Year 6

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – INSET day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Half term

### **Useful websites to support your child's learning about World War Two:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p059sqrc>

<http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Britain.html>

<https://www.iwm.org.uk>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given your child over the last term with their reading and home learning tasks. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated and enhance the children's learning experiences hugely.

Best wishes,

Mr Harman 