Year 6 Newsletter
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Welcome back! We hope you had relaxing half-term.

If there is anything that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us.

Kind regards, Mr Engleman, Mr Rushton and Miss Wilkinson





Your child will receive a piece of maths and English homework every week. This will be in their new homework folder. Alongside this, it is important that your child practises their weekly spellings, times tables and reads at least 3 times a week at home but we encourage them to **STRIVE FOR FIVE.**



Our P.E lessons will take place every Tuesday and Friday. Your child should come to school in their full PE kit on these days. Please remember to remove your child's earrings on PE days.

<u>Trip</u>

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are unable to take the children on any trips during this half-term.

If you ever have any queries, please speak to your class teacher or Mr Engleman (Year 6 leader)

A story of innocence in a world of ignorance.

Our class text this half term is The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas.

In English, we will be looking at many different genres. We will begin with war poetry, writing our own poem based on the D-Day landings. We will also write a diary entry and a narrative piece, based upon The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. Alongside this, we will take on the challenge of writing a historical essay based on our History unit - Impact of War.

In Maths, we will be continuing to focus on our arithmetic, as we did last half term. We will re-visit multiplication (short and long), division (short and long), multiplying and dividing by 10,100 and 1000 and fractions. We will learn about multiplying and dividing fractions and percentages this half term—by which point we will have taught all of the arithmetic skills. We will also improve our ability to reason and problem solve.

Did WW1 or WW2 have the biggest impact on our locality?

Our unit this half-term has a History focus as we look into The First World War and The Second World War and answer the key question above. During this unit, we will be exploring the impact of war upon daily life, children's lives, women's lives and who we should celebrate, through memorials, as heroes of our locality. We will do this by using historical skills such as scrutinising sources, reading primary and secondary sources and looking at data and heat-maps.

Our science unit this half-term is based upon the German battleship 'Bismarck'. We will be learning about floatation and the forces that allow ships to float and also look into the types of materials that could keep soldiers, aboard such ships, warm and alive.

In Art, we will be learning about Pablo Picasso, who was trapped in occupied France during the Second World War. We will be learning about primary, secondary and tertiary colours and will be creating portraits using these colours.

Reading is an essential part of the learning journey at The Crescent Academy. Your child will be read with at least five times a week in school, either individually or as part of a group. It is therefore essential that your child has their reading book and diary in school every day. The children use the learning diary, alongside the Hero Academy, to practise the key skills of reading and to record this. Children love to read at home, and will enjoy sharing their learning with you. At the start of each week, or fortnight, we will explain the reading skill to your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

