

# Class TY Newsletter

Autumn term

## A New School Year!

Dear Parents and Carers

Hello everyone! I hope that you all enjoyed the summer. I've seen some of you out on the yard before and after school this week but if I've missed you please do come over and say hello if you can! This newsletter contains information about some of the things happening this term in Class TY and explains class routines.

## Why TY?

In case you were wondering about the class name, it represents Thomas Young, the WW1 soldier from High Spenn who was awarded the Victoria Cross. As you probably know, each class in our school is named after a hero, and we have the honour of being named after our very own local one!

## This term's topics - Coasts and Life in Wartime Britain

Our two topics for this term are: Coasts and Life in Wartime Britain.

First up is Coasts. We will discover how coasts are formed, learn about some of their physical features, research coastal areas and look at changing land use along coasts. We will also be visiting the coast at St Mary's Island to carry out geography fieldwork.

Later in the term, we will learn about life in Britain during the Second World War. This was a time of major change that affected all groups in society.

Alongside these two key topics, we will also study Living Things and Animals including Humans in Science. In RE, we will learn about the importance of worship in Islam and in particular the role of the mosque.

### Weekly Timetable

#### ☺ Monday

Library  
Homework in

#### ☺ Tuesday

Swimming

#### ☺ Wednesday

Homework out

#### ☺ Thursday

#### ☺ Friday

PE  
Heroes assembly



Coasts and  
Life in  
Wartime  
Britain



## Y6 Teaching Team

This term, your child will also be taught by Mrs Simpson all day on Thursdays and by Mr Mason on Monday afternoons. Both are very experienced teachers who know all about Year 6 and will help deliver a broad and interesting Y6 curriculum. Mrs Ward will also be supporting regularly in class.

### Important dates for your diary

#### Swimming starts

13th September

#### Robinwood meeting

13th September

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21st–23rd September

#### 19th October

St Mary's Island visit

#### Half term

24th–28th October

#### End of term

16th December

#### SATs week 2016

8th–12th May

More to follow!

## Reading

Regular reading benefits a child's development across the whole curriculum and beyond. By the time children reach Year 6, it is our aim that they are reading independently and we are keen to work closely with you to make this happen. However even when your child reaches this 'independent' stage that is not the end of the journey! There is still much that can be done at school and home to ensure they develop into more confident and mature readers. It is vital that your child continues to read regularly. Please check that he or she does, and that they keep a record in their homework diary. Although your child may no longer wish to read aloud to you, you can still discuss their reading with them and support their reading choices.

## Homework

Homework will usually be given out on Wednesday. Tasks will be linked to ongoing learning in class and should offer opportunities for your child to share and discuss his or her learning with you at home. He or she will have a Homework book for homework tasks. If you have any questions, please ask or add a comment in the book. Homework should be handed in by Monday morning of the following week please.

## Swimming and PE

PE this term will be Swimming (on Tuesdays) and Team Invasion games (on Fridays). Children will need a swimming kit and towel and a suitable PE kit in school including outdoor trainers for these lessons. If your child cannot take part in PE for any reason, please let us know the reasons why.

## And finally . . . .

As we begin the new school year, I really am looking forward to working with you all to make this year a really positive and successful one for child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to catch me in the yard, or to make an appointment if you feel that is more appropriate and works better for you.

Looking forward to the year ahead!

Kevin Cradock Class TY teacher