



Shincliffe CE Primary School Home / School Links – Autumn 1

During this half term the children in Year 6 will be looking at the following areas:

Curriculum Area	Content to be taught in school	Possible Activities to be completed at home
English	This term we will begin by reading a book by Oliver Jeffers called 'Here We Are'. This will help us to think about our thoughts and feelings and give us ideas for some short writing activities, including poetry and letter writing. We will revise and continue to develop our knowledge of grammar and punctuation, making sure we apply this in our own writing. We will begin our new class text: My Friend the Enemy by Dan Smith, which is set in World War 2 in Northumberland. We will use this to write a recount, newspaper report and a piece of persuasive writing.	Hear your child read regularly and discuss themes and events within the story. Ask questions about characters and encourage them to predict what is going to happen next. Please support your child, as appropriate, with their English homework.
Maths	In maths, we will be developing our skills in number and calculations, including place value and the formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be ordering and comparing fractions, learning about different parts of a circle and finding missing angles. We will be converting between standard units of length, volume, mass and time. Every week we will be solving problems and developing our resilience and skills in problem solving.	Practise times tables and division facts with your child to ensure they are confident with their times tables up to 12x. This will help them considerably when using multiplication and division methods. Encourage children to solve real life problems using their mathematical skills. E.g. the cost of three boxes of cereal, or the amount of fuel at the garage. Please support your child, as appropriate, with their maths homework.
Science	This term, we will be learning about organisms and classification. We will describe and explain how living things are classified into groups according to common observable characteristics and similarities (including micro-organisms, plants and animals).	Encourage children to ask questions about living things and similarities and differences between different organisms. Use real life examples to identify different groups of organisms, e.g. fish, birds, plants etc. Ask them why it is important that we can identify different living things and how they can be categorised into certain groups.
Computing	This term we will revise our E-safety rules and thinking about staying safe online. We will be learning how to design and add various links to PowerPoint to improve our presentations.	Ask them about their project using PowerPoint and allow them to teach you how to use PowerPoint to create a presentation about a topic of interest.
RE	In RE we will be learning about religious diversity in our local community. We will look at life at different faith groups and their	Ask your child what he or she is learning about. Discuss how everyone is different and religion is one way in which some

	beliefs and roles in the local area.	people can differ in terms of their beliefs.
Geography	Not covered this half term	
History	Children will learn about a significant time in Britain; World War 2. We will visit Eden Camp and discover what life was like during World War 2, particularly for children. We will look at primary and secondary sources in our research to establish the impact of World War 2 on Britain.	Ask children about what they are learning about World War 2. Discuss any family history or friends' stories of people they knew who lived during the war. Ask them to imagine what life would be like and the difference between then and now.
PE	We will complete a unit this half term focusing on athletics skills. Children will be given the opportunity to improve their individual scores in jumping, throwing and running at different distances.	Give your child the opportunity to practise some of their skills at home (if appropriate).
Music	In music, will listen to and appraise the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. We will investigate different styles within this genre of music and improvise with instruments. We will also listen to some popular songs from WW2 and look at their meaning for soldiers at war and their loved ones at home. We will write our own lyrics alongside more familiar songs that could have been sung during World War 2.	Listen to various styles of music and discuss the lyrics and different instruments used to make the audience feel different emotions.
Art/DT	We will be focusing on the artist and sculptor, Henry Moore. We will explore his sketches depicting life in WW2 and create sketches using a range of materials (pencil, charcoal, chalk).	Encourage children to be creative and draw at home, sketching and colouring, showing light and shade. Research some of Henry Moore's artwork.
Proposed Educational Visit	No visits this half term.	