

# HARMONDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON

Headteacher: Mrs E Dowding



## YEAR 6's AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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### HOMWORK

- Literacy & Numeracy is given out on Wednesday and should be handed in the following Monday.
- Spelling: A weekly spelling test will take place every Thursday and new spellings will be given out on the same day.

### P . E .

PE will take place on Wednesdays (with a sports coach) and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has an appropriate PE kit in school on those days (black shorts or black track-suit bottoms, burgundy school t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers).

### HARMONDSWORTH MILE

In addition to P.E. sessions, children will be participating in walking, jogging or running for 15 minutes a couple of times a week. The aim of the Harmondsworth Mile is to improve the physical, emotional and social health and well-being of children – regardless of age or personal circumstances.

### MINDFULNESS

We will also be doing regular 'mindfulness' sessions. Mindfulness and meditation can support learning and concentration. They help children to manage mood and stress levels and to develop emotional resilience and empathy. Practising mindfulness can positively influence how well we do in exams, performances and sport. Learning to become more mindful allows us to make better choices in each moment, choosing to respond rather than react and can contribute to a more friendly and focused atmosphere in school.

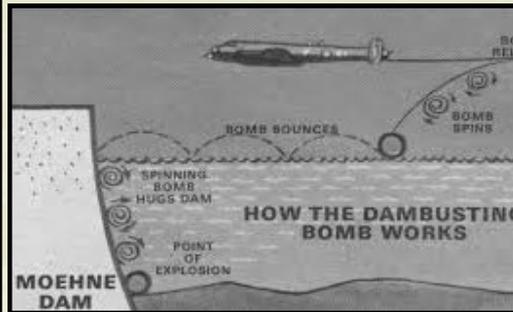
### C R E A T I V E C U R R I C U L U M

Welcome to the start of a new academic year and the first term for your child in year 6. I hope that you have already been hearing from your child about some of the topics we will be covering this term. Please find overleaf a topic grid for your perusal which shows the topics that we will be covering in each subject. This will enable you to support your child at home with the work they are doing at school.

#### Creative Curriculum Topic: World War II—The Bouncing Bomb

Our History topic this term is Local British History.

We will be looking at The Bouncing Bomb which was developed by Barnes Wallis during World War II. He had a research laboratory based in Harmondsworth.



Barnes Wallis

**NUMERACY:** During this term the children will continue to work on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, especially in the context of problem solving and reasoning. We will also be focussing on mental arithmetic skills and each child will have an individual Mental Maths target, which is worked on weekly.

**LITERACY:** The children will be reading and writing stories in different genres, auto/biographies, poems and news articles. They will be focussing on writing using complex sentences, conjunctions and word order. They will also be trying to improve the quality of their writing by using a range of powerful vocabulary (WOW! words). There will be a particular focus on Grammar & Punctuation this term in line with the Government assessment test at the end of Year 6. Please ensure your child is **reading** for a sustained period of 10-20 minutes everyday. This is to build up reading stamina for the end of KS2 Statutory Reading Test.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Please ensure your child has a pencil and **blue handwriting pen** (not a Biro) to be kept in school for use during lessons. Children are allowed and encouraged to bring a bottle of **water** (only) into school to drink during lessons and a piece of fruit to eat at first play. There is a fruit tuck shop available during morning play and costs 20p per piece of fruit.

Finally, if there is anything concerning you, regardless how trivial you may feel it is, please do not hesitate to come in and discuss it with me. I hope your child is settling into Year 6 and finds this term challenging, rewarding and fun.

Best regards, Miss Ngaire Hepworth