

## YEAR 6 autumn NEWSLETTER 2021

Welcome back to the autumn term and welcome back to New Delaval! I hope that everyone enjoyed their 7 weeks holiday and enjoyed the increasing amount of freedom! This term brings two exciting new topics which the children will be studying – firstly, “South America” will be our focus and after that, we will begin exploring “World War Two”.

In our ‘South America’ topic, children will explore the following:

- Where is South America and what are its physical features?
- All about the rainforests- including the layers, what it produces and the importance of it
- The climate in South America
- Comparing life in England to life in Brazil.

In our ‘World War Two’ topic, children will consider...

- Why the war started.
- Evacuation and rationing.
- Women’s role in the war.
- A general chronology of the events.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> term we will of course have our usual Remembrance week and focus on both world wars.

One of our class texts this term will be ‘Vanishing Rainforest’ by Richard Platt. Why is the Brazilian rainforest vanishing so fast?

And why is it essential not only to the people and animals within it, but to the whole world? This story, seen through the eyes of a child called Remaema, describes how the Yanomami tribe are battling against potential developers.

After half term we will be reading ‘Suffragettes: battle for equality’ by David Roberts. A non-fiction text which looks into the women’s suffrage movement.

Other goings on in Year 6:

- Daily Rockstar timestables
- Commando Joes and NUF sessions
- Mr Struthers will be teaching Year 6 on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Writing units such as rainforest poetry, persuasive writing and Anne Frank biographies.
- Increased SATS and exam practice.
- RESPECT agenda and Thrive activities

Our science topics this term will be Animals including Humans followed by Properties and Changes of Materials.

Organisation: Year 6 is all about making sure that the children are prepared for secondary school. Children need to make sure their reading book and diary is in **every day**. Please make sure your child’s diary is signed for a Friday as that’s when I’ll be checking them.

**PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

**Homework will be handed out on a Friday and expected in on a Wednesday.** The consequence of not handing in, is staying in to complete the homework at break. All children will have their passwords and a homework book.