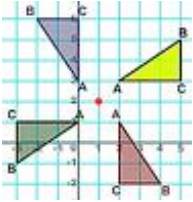




**ENGLISH** Have you ever wanted to experience the buzz of being in the press-room? Now is your chance! Take on the role of a journalist, develop your questioning technique at a press conference, learn to write a balanced report, edit an article and meet the deadline. Hold the front page, Fairseat News will break with a story! Maybe you will write the next big screen blockbuster? We will also be studying poetry, looking at the war poets.



**MATHEMATICS** Mathematics is all around us and we will be exploring aspects with which you come into contact in everyday life. We will be using co-ordinates to plot and describe positions of shapes following rotation. Our powers of observation will be tested when identifying and classifying 3D shapes. Comparing amounts and describing differences by using ratio and proportion will also be based on familiar everyday situations. Finally, we will examine how to find areas of compound shapes, so that designing the new layout of your bedroom will be far less problematic!



**GEOGRAPHY** Have you ever wondered what the perfect city environment would be like? Surprisingly a significant amount of our town and city landscapes are planned rather than haphazardly put together. We will study the ideas behind the earliest new towns and think about future developments and plan our perfect design. This will also give us a chance to understand and read OS maps as we develop our own mapping techniques.



**HISTORY** Put yourself in the position of an evacuee, how would you cope? Can you imagine the London Blitz? What was it like to live during World War Two? These are just some of the questions we shall be asking local visitors who lived through this period in Kentish Town. Our class trip to the Imperial War Museum will offer a further opportunity to experience the war through the eyes of a child.



**ICT** We will be extending our understanding of spreadsheets by planning a class trip to the famous Cafe Luxe Luxford! You will also have the opportunity to develop your skills as an editor and journalist in order to create your own Fairseat News! We will be investigating layout and graphical communication in order to produce a high-quality newspaper that everyone will be wanting to read!

**SCIENCE** This term the Science topics focus on chemistry and we will be looking at different changes and dissolving. We will also learn about Micro-organisms and experiment growing them in a controlled environment.



**DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY** In DT this term we will be looking at the effects of levers, pulleys, cams and motors when making moving machinery. We will be designing and making our own exciting fairground games!

**ART** We will be exploring the work of the Cubist movement. We will be extending our observational drawing techniques in order to study aspects of tone, shading and perspective. Our final artwork will rival any piece of Cubist work you will find at the Tate this year!



**PSHE** By exploring further the meaning of 'democracy', we will be looking at the basic institutions that support it locally and nationally. We will also look at the role of the media and its effect on our lives. Class debates on controversial issues will introduce you to the rules of debating as well as learning to listen to opposing points of view.



**MUSIC.** We will be listening to Igor Stravinsky's exciting music written for The Firebird Suite and we will also compose our own music with knowledge gained from our theory lessons.

## Modern Foreign Language

This term we welcome Miss Henderson to Fairseat. Year 6 will be developing their speaking and listening skills in both French and Spanish. Girls will be telling stories in French, describing pictures and sharing personal information. They will be encouraged to give their opinions and ask each other questions in French.

In Spanish, the topics will include Animals and Family. Girls will be encouraged to say and write short phrases, develop their pronunciation and be able to carry out short conversations with partners.

## IMPORTANT DATE FOR THIS TERM:

**Class Trip - Tuesday 7th February:** We are looking forward to visiting the Imperial War Museum to look at World War II through the eyes of an evacuee.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the good wishes and support I have received over the past few weeks. I now feel fully recovered and full of energy for the Spring term! I couldn't wait to see my lovely girls in Year 6 again and I have been constantly reminded that I am so fortunate to be teaching in such a wonderful school.

I wish you and your families a very peaceful, happy New Year! This is such an important year for your daughters and I look forward to supporting them as they approach their transition to secondary school.

# **YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER**

**Spring 2012**

As always, please do not hesitate me if you have any queries by making an appointment through the school office. My period of availability each week is on a Thursday from 2.30 - 3.30 pm.

**Mrs T Luxford January 2012**

**Year 6 class Teacher**