

Year 6 Curriculum News - Autumn Term 2019

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Our Topic question this term is 'Why was the Battle of Britain so important in WW2?'

English

During English this term we will be looking at three texts: When we were warriors which contains three short stories linked to life in Plymouth during World War Two; The Water Tower which is a short picture book aimed at older children; and Clockwork which is a spooky winter story by Philip Pullman. We will begin by looking at a variety of writing skills that the children need to use in their writing. Following this, the children will develop their writing skills by producing a range of text types including diary entries, persuasive speeches and stories. Around Remembrance Day, we will also spend some time looking at war poetry.

Mathematics

To start the term, the children will develop their understanding of place value and how to use it across the maths curriculum. We will then move on to looking at the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. After Christmas, we will begin to look at fractions and finish with geometry. On a daily basis, the children will also be developing their arithmetic skills to increase their speed and accuracy in this area.

Science

Our science topic this half term is Light and we are looking at this alongside our topic. The children will look at the effectiveness of different materials to block light by studying the blackout during The Blitz; how mirrors reflect light and their application in periscopes during The Battle of the Atlantic; and the production of shadows in some war artwork. In the second half term we will be looking at the human body. The children will do a range of practical activities to investigate the functions of the main systems.

Art / DT

Within art this term, the children will be producing artwork based on The Blitz. Following our trip to Stibbington, we will be looking at how cookery changed during the war where the children will reproduce some classic World War Two recipes.

Computing

This term we will continue using Purple Mash to teach computing. The children will begin by developing their coding skills, move on to look at online safety and before Christmas spend some time looking at spreadsheets.

History / Geography

The focus for this term is World War Two. Over the term, the children will be looking at the main events of The Battle of Britain and exploring why they were important in WW2. We will also be going to Stibbington where the children will experience a day as an evacuee.

RE

In RE this term the children will be learning about Sikhism. To accompany their learning in class they will be going on a trip to a Gurdwara to be given a tour and information session about Sikhism.

PSHE

Our first PSHE topic is 'Being Me in My World' where we will look at identifying goals, what being a citizen means, our impact on the world, how to make correct choices and the role of democracy.

PE

We will be following the Real PE scheme in PE lessons this term. Alongside this we will be developing the children's skill and stamina through a range of team games.

Homework- more information to follow at the parent's information session.

Spellings:

- 10 spellings to practise each week – use different methods to practise these
- Tested on these 10 spellings each week.

- The spelling test will be given in the style of a dictation where the children will be expected to also consider the grammar and punctuation they must use.

- Every 4 weeks there will be a 40-word spelling test where they will be tested on the last 4 weeks spellings.

Maths:

- Practise times tables as much as possible using the TT Rock Stars website.

- Each week teachers will set a number of pages from the Arithmetic book.

Reading:

- Read at least three times a week with your child and sign in their reading record or planner.

- Complete the reading comprehension sheet that will be sent home weekly.

Topic:

- Children will be given an open-ended topic project where they can use their creativity and imagination to produce a project. This will go out before half term.

Important Dates

Sibbington

- Friday 11th October- 6EB

- Monday 14th October- 6AA

- Wednesday 16th October- 6ED

- Friday 18th October- 6YS

Parent information session about Year 6: Wednesday 25th September (details to follow).

Award assembly: Friday 13th December

Christingle service: provisional date of Monday 16th December.

Pantomime: Wednesday 18th December.