

YEAR GROUP: Year 6

DATE: Spring Term 2017

TIME ALLOCATION: 1 Term

TEACHERS Mrs Bicheno, Mr Grant, Mrs Hathaway, Mrs Pye and Mrs Attridge

English:

As poets, we will be writing and learning to perform poems by heart. As communicators, we will be writing in the style of a newspaper, inferring knowledge about the past through non-chronological reports, diary writing and biography.

Grammar: commas, past/ perfect progressive tense, types of sentences—including compound and complex, word classes, modal verbs and clauses.

Key Text: *The Lion and the Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes and 'Rose Blanch'

Maths:

As Mathematicians, we will be developing our knowledge of statistics, multiplication and division (including decimals), measurement (area and perimeter) and we will also be developing our knowledge and understanding of algebra, fractions and percentages. In addition, we will continue to focus on developing our number skills by improving our ability to use the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Please speak to the Maths set teacher if you need more detailed information about the level at which your child is working.

Science:

As scientists, we will be exploring light. We will be learning about how light travels and how reflections and shadows are produced. We will also be developing our knowledge of electricity. We will be learning about the correct symbols to use to show an electric circuit.

Computing:

As digital learners, we will be understanding how to use a raspberry pi to create, direct and design different computer programs and apps. When we are confident with this, we shall be using Minecraft to create WW2 bomb shelters and use programming to create a virtual environment. As computer designers, we will be placing blocks, cloning programs and creating the environment.

Life on the Home Front



Key Questions:

- ⇒ What was it like to be an evacuee?
- ⇒ What would life be like within the armed forces?
- ⇒ What were the key events during WW2?
- ⇒ What would it have been like to grow up in another era?
- ⇒ How did WW2 end?

Religious Education:

We will explore the beliefs of Christians. We will focus on different church denominations, their beliefs and how they praise God in different ways including baptisms and their services. We will explore the layout of churches by visiting St Pauls Cathedral in London.

History:

As historians, we will be investigating how the lives of children have changed between wartime and our lives today. We will be researching the impact of world war two on the lives of children and what effect this had on their lives. We will be learning about VE day, rationing and how the diet of children was different to today.

Art and Design:

As artists, we will be learning about the artist Stephen Wiltshire and analysing his art work. We will focus on 3D drawing using ink skills. We will also be experimenting with different inks, shading and vanishing points.

Music:

As musicians, we will be experiencing and appreciating music from the bygone era of WW2. We will be writing songs with meaningful lyrics.

Physical Education:

Within our PE lessons we will be continuing to develop gymnastic skills, focusing on improving our skills to combine movements to produce a refined sequence. We will also be learning a range of dances from the WW2 era. Finally, we will be developing our skills in netball, basketball, rugby and tennis.

French:

We will be developing our skills and knowledge in discussing schools and using a dictionary to edit and improve our writing in French.

School Trips

Tuesday 28th February—
Crucial Crew visit
7th March – 6B trip to St Paul's Cathedral / Tate Modern.
8th March – 6HP and 6G trip to St Paul's Cathedral / Tate Modern.

Key dates

9th Jan—Optional homework projects due in
Fri 20th Jan 9:00am—6HP parents invited to celebration assembly
W/C 23rd Jan—Crazy Science Week
30th Jan—Group 2 Bikeability begins (repeated 31/1, 1/2, 6,2)
Thursday 9th February 6:00pm—Year 6 SATs Meeting
Friday 10th February—INSET Day— school closed to children.
Tuesday 21st February Year 6 Parents Evening 5pm to 8pm
Thursday 23rd February Year 6 Parents Evening 4pm to 6pm.

Optional homework

Research project

Linking with our topic, we would like you to find out what happened within your family during WW2. Can any of your family members remember any stories about the war? Do you have any family artefacts from that time period?

We would love to hear these and see any artefacts from the past. Present the information in a form of your choice.

SMSC

The pupils will be learning about, and showing respect for, other people's beliefs, opinions and values. In particular, we will study Chinese festivals. They will gain wider understanding of different cultures, through music and literature.