

Year 6 Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

We are so excited to welcome the children back for the new school year. Miss Martignetti, Miss Pryke and Ms Doyle have been preparing lots of exciting activities for our topic this term: **A Child's War** We will explore and investigate the experiences of British and German people from all walks of life during WW2.



A Child's War

A siren sounds, a building crumbles, a Spitfire zooms overhead! Take cover! It's 1939 and Britain is at war.

In History, we will learn why the nations were fighting and why child evacuees had to make the long journey from their homes and families into unknown territory. We will read the diary of Anne Frank, written whilst hiding from the terrifying storm troopers in a secret annexe, and try to empathise with her hopes and fears.



READING

We will be developing our fluency and inference skills while reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. Alongside this book, we will look at a variety of texts and media to improve our ability to justify our ideas using evidence.

MATHS

We will be maintaining our fluency skills and quick recall of key maths facts during fluency sessions and lesson starters.

We will roll our numbers at the beginning of lessons to make sure we keep these very important facts fresh in our minds.

The topics we will cover this term are:

- Place value and number facts.
- We will cover formal methods for the four operations (+ - x ÷)
- We will round to the nearest multiples of 10, 100, 1000, 10 000, 100 000 and 1 000 000.
- We will begin to explore fractions.

WRITING

As Writers we will be immersing ourselves into our topic; imagining we are experiencing it in real time. We will write letters home as evacuees, write flashback stories as war veterans, describing significant ally and axis leaders as well as writing and delivering persuasive speeches.

Grammar – We will be revising grammar taught so far in Key Stage 2 and looking at how these areas might be presented in a test situation.

Spelling - We will be focussing on and revisiting the rules from Key Stage 2 spelling as well. We will do this in lessons and through interactive homework.

PE

Our topics for the autumn term will be Health & Fitness which includes our Cross Country running, Hockey and Indoor Athletics. We will learn a variety of different skills within these topics and also the skills required for working individually and as a team. We will also be virtually entering lots of Milton Keynes Sports Festivals and all children will participate and represent the school in these events.

Our PE days are: Monday and Friday.

ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

As Artists, we will begin with a collaborative mark-making project before moving on to Henry Moore inspired sketching.

As Design Technicians, we will be learning how to 'make do and mend' in an upcycling clothes topic.



MUSIC

In music we will be exploring different genres and characteristics of music from around the world.

HOME LEARNING

Reading – We have the expectation that the children will read for at least 10 minutes each day and read aloud to an adult at least once each week. The children will need to complete the consultation task sent home as this will form part of their assessment.

Spellings – The children will complete their spelling home learning on Spelling Shed. This is a fun new resource that will see the children learn through interactive games and activities.

Maths – The expectation is that the children practise their fluency skills on TT Rockstars and Numbots. They should aim to do this for 10-15 minutes daily. They will also be given formal written homework from time to time that will link to their curriculum learning needs.

COMPUTING

As Computer Technicians, we will be learning about being responsible digital citizens and how to stay safe online.

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SCIENCE

As Scientists we will be learning about and investigating states of matter as we discover the properties of everyday solids, liquids and gases. This such an exciting topic and jam-packed full of hands-on experiments in the classroom. Which solids have the lowest melting points? We will find out!

RE & PSHE

As Citizens of the Future, we will learn more about ourselves and the things we need for positive wellbeing, while thinking about how we can develop positive relationships with others. We will develop our understanding of the way other religions demonstrate commitment through pilgrimage, worship and rituals.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

¡Vamos a aprender Español! This term in Spanish, we will be learning to count, and use numbers, to 20. We will also learn how to greet our friends and family, telling them how we feel.