



Year 6 Learning

Spring 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas time with your family and friends. We had a fantastic last term learning about optical illusions through our Create topic.

Now, we look forward to a new year and a new term: our discover topic focus is World War Two, in which we will be asking the question ***“Can freedom be achieved through war?”*** and discussing themes of ***freedom, prejudice*** and ***resilience***.

This booklet will give further details of all the subject areas that the children will be learning.

Spring Term Topic – Discover:



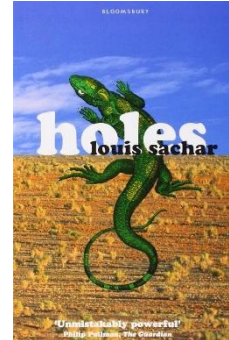
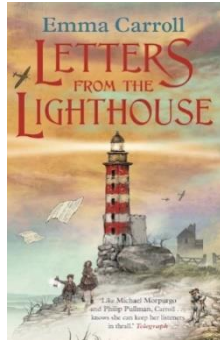
We will be learning about:

- Some of the key events of the World War Two, including why it started and how it ended.
- How the war impacted on the lives of children and adults in Britain.
- The pivotal role played by aircraft and pilots during the Battle of Britain.
- What it was like living under foreign occupation during the World War Two
- Some of the consequences of World War Two for people living in Britain and abroad.

We will study a range of sources including written accounts, interviews, family stories, photographs, film footage, posters and artefacts.

English Learning

In English, our main text will be *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll. We will be refining our planning, drafting, editing and publishing skills across a range of genres: diaries, letters, story-writing, non-fiction and poetry.



In our guided reading sessions we will be developing our comprehension skills through reading and analysing *Holes* by Louis Sachar.

Mathematical Learning

This half term we are learning about:

- Decimals and percentages, and linking this to our previous learning about fractions last term.
- Algebra
- Measurement, including area and volume



French Learning

This half term we will be learning about *La Seconde Guerre Mondiale* (The Second World War). We will be learning how to say the names of countries and languages in French, and developing the skill of gist-reading in a foreign language.

PSHE Learning

Our topic is “Safety and the Changing Body”. This will include some basic First Aid knowledge: how to conduct a primary survey, how to help someone who is choking, how to place someone in the recovery position and how to give CPR.

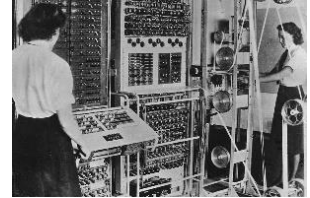


Scientific Learning

This half term we will be continuing our topic of **light**.

We will:

- Learn about the structure of the eye and how we see
- Discover how light travels
- Observe how white light is composed of all the colours of the rainbow



Computing Learning

We will be learning about how computers are used to encrypt communications online and how they have been used to crack codes, including during World War 2. Our e-safety focus is learning about our digital footprint and how to create a positive online reputation.

Music Learning

We will be learning how to use chords to add harmony to our compositions. We will be looking at the genres of disco and Mexican folk music.



PE Learning

During indoor sessions, we will be learning a range of dances popular during wartime. During outdoor sessions, we will be developing a range of techniques for playing games of volleyball.



Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be looking at Hinduism:

- Key Hindu beliefs and practices
- The significance of the “aum” symbol.
- Hindu gods
- Beliefs about reincarnation





How can you help?

- Encouraging your child to continue to read regularly for a sustained period of time (at least 20 minutes, 5 times a week).
- Encourage your child to practise their maths learning through tasks on Sumdog.
- Supporting your child with learning their weekly spellings.
- Encouraging your child to complete homework tasks in their SATs revision booklets and to attend homework club if they need additional support.

Dates to be aware of for this half term:

- SATs information meeting for Year 6 parents on **Wednesday 17th January 6.00pm** and **Thursday 18th January 2.15pm**.
- INSET day Monday 19th February 2024.

Further dates and information may come out from the Office throughout the half term.



If you have any resources you are happy to loan to us or have any particular knowledge about our topics, please let us know.

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