



YEAR 6 TOPIC NEWS Spring 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely holiday. Our learning question for the spring term is: **'What has influenced our world the most since 1914 - inventions, events or people?'**

Topic - World War I and World War II

This term, Year 6 are reading 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo which tells the story of 24 hours in a young soldier's life at the front during WW1, and captures his memories as he looks back over his life. They will then read 'The Buried Crown' by Ally Sherrick, which is about a young boy's adventure to find and protect a magical Anglo-Saxon crown during WW2. Both of these texts will provide an exciting stimulus for their writing across a range of genres. The children will gain a sound understanding of these topics by researching key facts, events and significant individuals who have helped shape history. In geography, they will be learning about alliances, countries involved in the world wars and the economic activity between countries. Through science, pupils will look at living things and their habitat and will gain an understanding about classification and types of organisms. They will then move onto light, exploring refraction, light travelling in various ways and shadows.

Computing

In computing, Year 6 will be learning how to create their own adverts. They will be researching, creating storyboards, using film and media equipment and refining their final pieces.

P.E.

The professional sports company, 'Star Sports', are continuing to teach P.E this term. The two units for the spring term are Games and Gym. Please remember that children should bring in a suitable P.E kit at all times and earrings should be removed. If your child does not have a P.E. kit, they will not be able to take part.

Art and DT

During the term, Year 6 will begin by researching and creating their own propaganda posters. As well as this, they will be refining their sketching techniques to create WW2 inspired artwork. In DT, children will be designing and creating Anderson shelters and gas masks.

Music

In music, Year 6 will have opportunities to listen to a variety of music linked to our topics and create their own themed pieces using a variety of percussion instruments, glockenspiels and their voice. Children will continue to learn about pitch, pulse and rhythm and they will be learning to perform as part of a group using different harmonies. They will also learn to sing traditional Ghanaian songs.

PSHE and R.E.

In PSHE, we will be looking at 'Recognising and Developing Strengths and Skills' and 'Working Together'. In R.E. we will be discussing what religions say to us when life gets hard; including the topic of death, which we will approach with sensitivity.

Homework

English and Maths homework is given out weekly on a **Friday** and is due in on the following **Tuesday**. Children will be given spelling and online maths homework on a Friday and they will be tested the following Friday. Spelling and times tables are a huge part of the New Curriculum so please help your child/children practise. One piece of creative homework should be completed each half term.

Creative Homework

'What has influenced our world the most since 1914- inventions, events or people?'

1. Secret Message

Morse code was used during World War. Write a message to a friend or family member using Morse code or design your own code and write a message to someone using this.

2. Design challenge

Draw and label a plane or a tank from the Second World War- make it as detailed as possible. As a challenge, can you draw and label a new and improved version? How have you changed it and why?

3. Times have changed

Research and write about 10 similarities and 10 differences between life during World War I or II and now. Choose how to present your findings.

4. Mmmmm....Tasty Treats

Write a dinner menu only using ingredients available during rationing. How tasty can you make it?

5. Me... an evacuee?

Imagine you are an evacuee. Write a letter or postcard home to your family explaining what has happened to you. Try to think about writing in character.

School Trips

We plan to visit Duxford Imperial War Museum and take part in a World War II day at Thorndon Country Park for our school trips next term. More information about this will be given to you in due course.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask us.

Thank you,

Mrs Bishop and Miss Hooper