



Our topic this term is *Britain at War*. We will be learning about the Great War and World War 2. We will be thinking about what life was like for the people living in Britain at the time and how their lives were affected by the conflict. We will be creating maps to show places that were targeted during the Battle of Britain.

In Science, our topic will be '*Properties and Changes of Materials*' the unit teaches children about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. The children will sort and classify objects according to their properties.

Our PHSE lessons will focus on Britain representing a wide range of faiths and ethnicities and that the structures within it are there to support all. We will then move on to discuss the positive qualities of being part of a team.

In R.E. children will explore why Christians worship God and how they treat others to show love for one another after reading stories of Jesus.



In Design Technology, the children will be constructing an Anderson shelter.

In Art we will be painting pictures of a Battle of Britain scene or dogfight as well as creating some dramatic images of the Blitz.

In computing, we will be using Purple Mash software to use coding vocabulary to create a playable, competitive game, before moving on to creating charts and graphs from data.

In P.E. lessons children will be learning how to demonstrate accuracy, consistency, and clarity of movement. They will work independently and in small groups to make up own sequences whilst arranging own apparatus to enhance work and vary compositional ideas. Outdoor, they will play effectively in a variety of positions and formations on the pitch whilst attacking and using defensive tactics in gameplay.

Children will need their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school at all times. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor kit too (including a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms, sunhat and a water bottle). They need pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors.

In Literacy we will be reading texts/watching clips that involve stories by famous authors, non-fiction and a variety of narrative texts, including poetry.

We will be following the TES Spelling scheme where children will be taught spelling patterns and rules, they will have weekly spellings, to learn at home, which will be applied through regular activities in class.

Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, both independently and to an adult for at least 10 minutes each day and sign their diary.
- Reminding them to record their reading in their diary.
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding.
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails, get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- Practising their spellings with them.



In Maths we will be covering all areas of the Maths curriculum. It is important that the children practise their tables at home. Please help your child by:

- Encouraging them to **practise their tables** and the corresponding division facts. Year 5 and 6 children should know all the tables.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping, telling the time.
- Helping them to complete any homework.

SATs Preparation for Year 6 only

There will be meetings for parents of Year 6 children. Dates to be confirmed.

Dates for you diary

Year 6 Residential Visit to Astley Burf w/c 23rd September

Homework

Children record formal homework in their homework diaries and we would ask that parents check these regularly. This work is often in the form of completing work that has been started in class. Teachers will comment in diaries as and when necessary and parents are encouraged to do the same.

Homework will be set as follows:

Literacy — Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.

Spelling - Tuesday to be returned the following Tuesday.

Maths — Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.

In addition to formally set homework pupils in Years 5/6 are expected to:

- Read their own choice of book every day.
- Revise and learn work covered in Maths, Literacy and Science.

If you have any questions or concerns please come in and see one of us.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Pickett, Mrs Foster, Mrs Cook, Mrs Brannon and Mrs Barratt



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We hope that our overview of this term's topic will provide you with ideas of how to help your child at home.