

Year 6 – Spring 1 Learning Journey



Reading

This term we are reading 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian. The story is set in the time of World War 2 in Britain where a young boy is sent away from London as an evacuee. In a small town in the countryside he meets Mr Tom whom he lives with for a long period of time. The story follows the friendship they develop and a bond that will last a lifetime.

We will be learning how to answer questions based on different texts using a range of Destination Reader stems. On Thursday and Fridays, the children have 'Big picture' days in which they are exposed to a range of genres linked to the World War. During these lessons, children develop key skills to answering SATS style questions on unseen texts.



Maths

Week 1- Shapes and angles

Week 2- Measurement

Week 3- The four operations involving fractions and decimal numbers

Week 4 – Assessment week

Week 5 – The four operations involving multi step problems

Week 6 - Algebra



Writing

Weeks 1-3 – The children will be writing a newspaper report on the evacuation of children from London. They be using the layout of a newspaper report with features such as quotes from witnesses, dates and a formal tone.

Week 4 & 5 – The children will be writing an informal letter from the main character to home telling them about the experiences they have had so far in the countryside and how they have been feeling.

We will be mostly focussing on punctuation, feelings, cohesion, paragraphs and sentence structures.



PE

We will be working on dynamic balance and agility skills by effectively performing jumping and landing actions in a sequence. The children will also work in competitive situations and build balancing concepts in group work.



Science

We will be learning about light! The children will be building on their previous knowledge of this topic and understand the different sources of light. The children will also explore how they are able to see light and how it can impact their vision. After carrying out investigations into the effects of light, the children will record their data and come up with conclusions using their scientific skills and vocabulary.



Art & Design Technology

Using links to World War 2, the children will be designing and creating old fashioned toys using levers. These will be toys such as a Jack in the box. The children will also be exploring textiles to make an old fashioned waistcoat!



History

This term the children will be learning a chronological study of World War 2, keeping in theme with their text. The children will learn what it is to be an evacuee, have rationing books as well as significant events such as the Blitz in London.



Computing

The children will be looking at the History of computers in World War 2, exploring 'Bletchley park' and how it contributed to the WW2 code breaking team! The children will also learn how the importance of passwords and keeping safe on the internet.



Music

We will be exploring World War 2 songs by using pitch, rhythm and intonation. The children will think about the importance of the lyrics.



MFL

Throughout this term we will be learning about french sport and the olympics.



PSHE

In PSHE lessons we will be talking about family and friends. We will look at how we develop those relationships.



RE

In our RE lessons, we will be learning about Christianity and the concept of salvation.



Important Dates

Assessment Week – Week 4
Tuesday 5th January Evacuee day