English

Our focus text will be Michael Murpurgo's 'Friend or Foe', which links to our topic of WWII. We shall be covering a range of writing genres including diary entries and biographies. Moving into term 2, our key text: Kensuke's Kingdom' will link in with our theme of exploring different cultures and places. Throughout the term, year 6 will be



Friendor Foe

concentrating on grammar, punctuation and spelling as a separate core lesson.

<u>Maths</u>

Across the year group our main concepts will be: number and place value (numbers up to 10,000,000) addition and subtraction formal written methods, multi-step problems and finally multiplication and division formal written methods and factors, multiplies and prime numbers. Times table knowledge is absolutely key, therefore this will be practised as a class on a daily basis and please ensure you are reinforcing this further at home using TT Rock Stars platform and My Maths.

<u>Science</u>



The first inspirational scientist year 6 will be studying is Charles Darwin, within our Evolution and Inheritance unit. Our second topic will be 'Light and the Eye'. One of our priorities this year will be working scientifically in all areas of the science curriculum.

History and Geography

During term 1 we shall be focusing on significant changes between 1939-1945, exploring key influential people and how they affected



society across Europe and the world. We shall be will looking at a different aspects of life during WWII, particularly The Battle of Britain and other important events, such as The Blitz, rationing, evacuation and women's roles. Term 2, our topic is: 'Backpacking through Europe', looking at key physical and human characteristics of geography in comparison to the UK.

<u>RE</u>

This term we debate the question of whether the Saints are encouraging role models and the concept of incarnation in the Christmas story.

<u>Art</u>

Taking inspiration from 3D pop artist Charles Fazzino, we will create our own cityscapes using palette knife painting.

DT

Year 6 will take seasonal ingredients to create an authentic savoury recipes used during WW2.



Music

Year 6 will be exploring a range of media to create music without the use of voices.



Physical Education

We will be kicking off the year with a combination of invasion games, focusing on skills including attacking and defending. It is essential the children have a full PE kit in school from Monday to Friday and that this is taken home to be washed regularly.

<u>SMSC</u>

The children will be focusing on new beginnings and become familiar with new classroom routines. Maintaining and changing friendships, thinking for yourself and real life consequences are just a few of the topics we shall discuss through class circles.

Helping Your Child At Home

Please still read for pleasure with your child at home as often as possible. Please support them in recording everything in their planner and as parents please sign it weekly – a vital skill needed in secondary school. Please help your child learn their times tables and their inverse, their spelling rules and patterns and to practise the written methods in maths.

Any questions please ask the Year 6 team.

Kindest Regards, The Year Six Team

Curriculum Newsletter

Learning in Year 6



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