

English

In English we will be reading our Power of Reading text 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. Our written work will focus upon persuasive writing, diary writing, recounts and narratives from the perspective of children during World War II.

We will develop our knowledge of Year 6 grammar and punctuation.

In school we will also be continuing to use www.spellingframe.co.uk, which is an exciting tool that can also be used at home. Spellings will be sent home every Friday ahead of them being tested the following Friday.

During all lessons, we will continue to interrogate a variety of texts, attempt to broaden our range of vocabulary and further develop our writing styles.

Reading

Please continue to share the love of books with your child. Encourage them to read/share books 5 times per week. This can be recorded on one page per week of the Reading Record. Reads will be counted every Friday. Reading should be a delightful experience and I truly believe there is a book out there for everyone. Please support us in encouraging your child to read as it opens up so many doors.

Our PE Days

Our PE afternoon is **Tuesday**. Please ensure that children have a full outdoor and indoor PE kit in school all week. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed as outlined in the school's uniform policy on our website.

Curriculum - History

This half term focus is: **World War II'**
Our wider curriculum has been redesigned for this year with a greater emphasis on being a broad and balanced knowledge-based curriculum. To support this, each termly focus will be supported by a knowledge organiser (see overleaf). This provides each child with the key facts and vocabulary for each topic. The children will be encouraged to learn these facts and they will be revisited regularly with the intention of the children acquiring them in their long-term memory.

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Learning Outcome

At the end of this half term, the children will be writing a piece of narrative from the perspective of a child during WW2.

Homework

Each week the children will be set one piece of each English and Maths Homework on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday. An optional menu of creative ideas is also included in homework books. Remember that any pupil led ideas and work will be welcomed and celebrated.

Maths

In **Year 6** this term we will continue to consolidate our understanding of place value as well as further developing our problem solving skills. We will be working with numbers up to Ten million. We will also work on the four operations.

Please continue to support your child to practise all of their times tables as a secure knowledge underpins the majority of what we do in Year 6. The ability to recall these facts more confidently would be hugely beneficial for your child in their Maths lessons and eventually their SATs.

Science

This half term Year 6 will learn about 'Evolution and inheritance'. As part of this, we will look at the work of palaeontologists, investigate fossils and look at how characteristics can be passed from one generation to the next.

Wider Curriculum

RE - Islam - What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?
ICT - Word processing.
PHSE - Being me in my world.
Music - I'll Be There. Style: The Music of Michael Jackson.
PE - Gymnastics - Body management and Games - Invasion Games.

Timeline of Events	
1918	The Treaty of Versailles signed – ending World War 1.
1933	The Nazi Party (led by Adolf Hitler) came to power in Germany.
1936	Hitler moved troops into the Rhineland, violating the terms of the Treat of Versailles.
1938	German troops invade Austria.
1939	German troops invade Czechoslovakia.
1st September 1939	German troops invade Poland.
3rd September 1939	Britain declared war on Germany because they invaded Poland. The Second World War started.
July-October 1940	The Battle of Britain –attacks on British towns, cities and ports by the German air force.
September 1940 – May 1941	The Blitz attacks. German bomber planes attacked Britain at night.
8th May 1945	Victory Day in Europe (VE Day) – the day the war officially ended.

Key People	
Neville Chamberlain	Prime Minister of Britain during the outbreak of World War 2.
Winston Churchill	Prime Minister of Britain for the majority of World War 2
Franklin D Roosevelt	President of the USA during WW2
Joseph Stalin	Leader of Russia during WW2
Benito Mussolini	Leader of Italy during WW2
Anne Frank	A victim of the Holocaust who kept a diary of her time in hiding.

Year 6 Term 1: World War 2

Countries involved in World War 2	
Allies	Axis
Great Britain USA Russia France	Germany Japan Italy

The Home Front
The Government issued gas masks to everyone in Britain.
German submarines were attacking British ships creating a shortage of supplies. The led to rationing .
Propaganda posters were used to encourage citizens to act safely and support the war effort.
Air raid shelters were built in gardens called Anderson Shelters .
Shelters under stairs or in a house were called Morrison Shelters .

Women and Children at War
Children were taught drills on how to get to safety in case of an air raid.
Many children were evacuated from cities to the countryside.
Women worked in factories, as mechanics, air force and farms.
Women became more independent, felt valued and were an important part of victory.

Propaganda Posters	
Propaganda posters were used to encourage citizens to act safely and support the war effort.	
'Make Do and Mend'	'Careless Talk Costs Lives'
'Loose Lips Sink Ships'	'Dig for Victory'
'Let us move forward together'	'Come into the factories'

Vocabulary Dozen	
treaty	written agreement between countries in which they agree to do a particular thing or to help each other.
violated	breaking an agreement, law or promise.
Allies	the countries that fought against the axis (Great Britain, USA, Russia & France).
Axis	the countries that fought against the allies (Germany, Japan & Italy).
rationing	a system during World War 2 to limit the amount of food you were allowed to buy.
propaganda	is information, often inaccurate information, which a political organisation publishes in order to influence people.
victory	a victory is a success in a struggle, war or competition.
Blitz	attacked by bombs dropped by enemy aircraft.
tyrant	someone who treats the people they have authority over in a cruel and unfair way.
Holocaust	the killing of millions of Jews by the Nazis.
invasion	when a foreign army enters a country by force.
legacy	A legacy of a period of history is something that is a direct result of that event that continues once that period of history is over.

Famous Quotes
'We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender' Winston Churchill, September, 1940.