



English – Reading, Writing & Spelling

The main text for this term is 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian. A book about a young boy 'Willie Beech' who is evacuated from his home in London to a new life in the countryside. We will use the book to develop reading skills as well as a stimulus for writing. Children will be writing diary entries, letters, character descriptions and comparisons, a non-chronological report, and a biography. In the second half term, we will be studying poetry linked to Remembrance Day and children will be given the opportunity to compose their own poem. We will also be looking at the structure of 'flashback' stories and children will work on writing their own short 'flashback' story.

On a Thursday and Friday, Mrs Saunders will focus on spelling, handwriting, grammar and reading skills. Spellings will be practiced within the school day, but we encourage children to practice them at home also. Spellings will be posted on Seesaw so that you can help support with this.

Maths

The units for the Autumn Term include place value, the four operations and fractions. Mrs Saunders will be focusing on geometry including position, movement, and properties of shape. There will be a daily arithmetic session in which children will practice and rehearse number facts and calculations. It is vitally important that children know all their times tables so that they can re-call them with speed and accuracy. We will of course work on this at school but any support that you can give at home would be greatly appreciated. 'Hit the Button' (Free if you type into google) is great for practicing tables individually and 'TT Rockstars' is good for building speed and accuracy.

Science

In the first half term, we will be completing a unit on the human body and keeping healthy. There will be a focus on the circulatory system looking at the components and functions of the heart and blood. Children will learn about the importance of a balanced diet and the different food groups. We will investigate the effect of exercise on the human body and the importance of regular exercise. We will also discuss what drugs can be harmful to the human body with a focus on the effects of cigarettes and alcohol.

Other Curriculum Subjects

Our topic is: WW2 'The Home Front'

In History, we will explore some of the causes that led to the outbreak of WW2. Children will learn about the Allied and Axis powers and some important key figures that drove these. The main focus will be the on the Home Front and how everyday life changed during the war. Children will learn about evacuation, bombing raids (including the 1940 raid on Coventry), rationing, propaganda campaigns, the Home Guard and the change in role of women during the war.

In Geography, children will use atlases to locate countries involved in the war. They will locate countries that formed the Allied and Axis Powers as well as countries that were invaded by German Forces. Children will also look at maps of the UK to identify cities that were heavily bombed during the war and locations of places where children were evacuated to.

RE: Y6 will focus on the Islamic religion. They will learn about the origins of Islam and Islamic creation stories. This will be compared to Christianity and other world religions.

PSHE: We will begin with discussing the need for rules and routines before establishing rules and routines for the year ahead. We will also complete a unit on 'protective behaviours' so that children are clear about how to keep themselves safe and know what to do if they feel unsafe.

PE: On a Tuesday PE will be outdoors so children will need clothing that is appropriate for this. The first half term will be cross country and the second half term will be team invasion games. On a Thursday it will be indoor PE starting off with a dance unit with Mrs Saunders.

Art & Design: Children will be exploring the work of famous artist and sculptor Henry Moore. Focusing on the work he produced during the war. Children will create pastel sketches as well as their own sculptures in the style of Henry Moore.

Design & Technology: In Autumn 2 Children will be learning about the bread making process and the importance of bread during the war years. Children will test different types of bread and then go onto make their own WW2 style bread.

Computing: Children will continue to develop their awareness of internet safety and work on creating spreadsheets on Excell linked to rationing during and after the war.

Music: Children will be working on songs from the movies with Mrs Saunders. They will develop their performance skills and work towards an end of term musical celebration – further details to follow!

Homework

Reading – 5 times a week is the expectation. Please encourage children to keep a record of this in their reading diaries. Even though the children can read independently, it would be greatly beneficial if you could still read with your child, weekly, with lots of discussion around the meaning of new or unfamiliar vocabulary.

Spelling – Spellings will be set by Mrs Saunders on a Thursday (this will not be every week) all spellings will be shared on Seesaw (just in case they don't make it home!)

Maths and English – I'm going to trial homework folders this year – this will just be for Year 6. I will set homework on a Monday (one piece of Maths and one piece of English) the children will have the whole week to complete both pieces and we will mark together on a Monday. Hopefully this will help with the children becoming more independent ready for secondary school.

If you do have any worries or concerns, please do speak to us. You can make an appointment via the school office or contact us on Seesaw. Many thanks.

The Year 6 Team

Mrs Daly, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Wines

