

TERM 1 and 2 25/26

Year 6 - Mr Biddlecombe and Miss Phillips

Topic for the Term: Britain at War



In the Britain at War topic, we will learn about the main causes of the First World War and which countries were the major players. We will investigate why so many men volunteered to fight and then sequence the events at the start of the war. Using various sources of evidence, we will learn about life in the trenches and the consequences of new weaponry. We will listen to first-hand accounts of life on the home front and evaluate the impact of war on everyday life. We will also discover the events that led to the Allied Powers' victory and the consequences of the Treaty of Versailles. The children will also learn about the causes and main events of the Second World War.

They will find out how Britain prepared itself for war and the war's impact on civilian life. They will learn about the Battle of Britain and how it proved to be a key turning point for the Allied Powers. They will also hear about Anne Frank and discover what her story tells us about the treatment of Jewish people by the Nazi Party. The children will research the causes and consequences of the end of the Second World War and investigate the legacy of the wars in Britain. Closer to home, the children will research the life of a local First World War hero who sacrificed their life fighting for Britain. They will also investigate the legacy of these global conflicts in the post-war period.

Theme Days / Trips

In Term 2, we will be visiting The Imperial War Museum in London, where we will embark on an incredible journey through history. We will have the opportunity to explore captivating exhibits and engage with interactive displays, allowing us to truly immerse ourselves in the experiences of those affected by war. We will examine authentic artefacts and documents that bear witness to the challenges and triumphs of individuals and nations.

Science

We will be learning about Light in Term 1 and Evolution and Inheritance in Term 2. When studying about light, we will investigate the way in which light behaves, travelling in straight lines from a source or reflector, into the eye. We will explore how we see light and colours, and phenomena associated with light, including shadows, reflections and refraction. When studying about evolution and inheritance, we will be learning about how living things on Earth have changed over time and how fossils provide evidence for this. We will learn about how characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring and how variation in offspring can affect their survival.

Homework

- ◆ Please read with your child at least 5 times a week.
- ◆ Learn the weekly spellings, the focus of which will be revision of the year 5/6 common exception words and Year 6 spelling rules.
- ◆ The spelling test will take place on Friday of each week, unless specified otherwise.
- ◆ Complete the Power Maths homework. The work will be set on a Friday and is due on the following Wednesday.
- ◆ Additional Maths and English homework will be set during the week, in preparation for the children's SATS tests in May.

Uniform / PE Kit

Our P.E. lessons will be on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please ensure that your child wears their P.E. kit to school on those days. The children will need their shorts or jogging bottoms, T-shirts and hooded top this Term.

