



Summer Newsletter

THE YEAR TEAM:

Class 11: Mrs Stewart and Mrs Markham
Class 12 : Miss Barnett and Miss Lee



English

This term we will use inspiration from our History topic - The Second World War—to write descriptive accounts of London during the Blitz.

We will use our learning about the evacuation of children from British cities to write letters from the children’s perspective and detailed, evocative descriptions of the Blitz.

We will also study extracts from a well loved wartime-set children’s story to develop our skills in character and setting description.



Maths

This term, the learning will begin with fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be able to identify their equivalence as well as solving decimals using all four operations. In addition, we will be understanding the place value of decimals as well as ordering and comparing them. Throughout the term, children will continue to develop their knowledge of times tables and mental skills.

Later in the term, we will study geometry - revisiting and extending our understanding of shape and position.



Science

The children will be developing their understanding of forces, supported by an exciting school trip in May.

There will be many opportunities for hands on experimentation and scientific creations to explore the effects of forces on everyday objects.



Computing

E-Safety will run alongside all Computing teaching and enable children to explore internet safety, building on prior knowledge and understanding.

The children will also learn to create an AR (Augmented Reality) game and try their skills at podcasting.



R.E.

The children will be studying Sacrifice in relation to freedom, learning to express their own response to the concept of 'sacrifice' and how it affects their own and others' lives through history. They will also be exploring the concept of humanism and be able to then explain and understand what constitutes 'a good life'?



P.E.

Indoor PE will swap to a Thursday for the first half term only as Tuesdays will become our Forest School afternoon.

Wednesday will remain outdoor games .

During this term the children will learn a WWII style dance, and continue to develop their skills in football and athletics.



Geography & History

The children are studying World War II during the summer term. We will be focusing on evacuation, the Blitz, and the Battle of Britain. Because of the factual context, some of the resources may draw on the children's emotions. The children will also be learning about daily life at home during WWII. There will also be an opportunity for the children to dress up during our WWII topic and experience a day of fun, planned activities whilst finding out about how the war affected our village.



Art & D.T.

Our textiles unit of learning will combine with the DT textile learning and the children will not only design and create a soft toy, but learn how to embellish one, too. In the second half of the term, we will explore natural sculpture, using resources found in our beautiful grounds.

The children's science knowledge will be applied in the DT project of making a moving fairground ride during the term, drawing upon their prior electrical circuit learning.



Music

Our topic for this term will be focusing on songs and music from World War Two. The children will learn how to identify contrasting style arrangements, theme and variations (structure) and start to understand how a wide range of dynamics can be manipulated for expressive effect.



M.F.L.

We will begin the term by looking at World War Two and evacuation (Le Depart).

In Summer 2, we will learn vocabulary about days of the week: months of the year, the seasons and the weather.



Heart Smart

Our PSHE topic for this term is relationships and Sex Education.

Our HeartSmart principles this term are :

Summer 1 Fake is a Mistake

This half term, we are Unpacking how to bravely communicate truth and be proud of who we are.

Summer 2 'No Way Through,' isn't True!

Knowing there is a way through every situation, no matter how impossible it may seem..



Worship

We will start the new term with a focus on the value of Humility (Summer 1) where we will be reflecting on:

- In what ways do we encourage everyone to serve each other?
- How do we encourage the children to be empathetic and sympathetic to the experiences of others?
- How do we create an ethos in which we are confident to ask for help and to receive help from others?

And then the value of Perseverance (Summer 2) where we will be reflecting on:

- How are children encouraged and given skills to persevere through difficult times?
- How do learning and teaching strategies encourage and motivate children?
- How can children understand that hard work in all learning is worth the effort?

Our Year 6 ambassadors will be leading whole school worship with support each half term too.

We will continue to make explicit links with our core Christian values of Love, Hope and faith and with the British values wherever possible (which are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs).



Key Information

HOMEWORK

This will be given out on Fridays via Google Classrooms and is due in the following Wednesday.

In Summer 2, the children will undertake a project based on life in post war Britain.

Please let us know if you are having difficulty with the homework. We do not want it to be a cause of conflict between children and parents, and we need to work together to make it a positive experience for everyone.

