

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Reading

This term we will be focusing on developing our inference skills and building our vocabulary. The children will apply the A.P.E. (Answer it, Prove it, Explain it) strategy, finding evidence from the text to support their answer. This links to our VIPERS strand 'I for Inference'.

VIPER Character Focus



Class Reader
War Horse

Author Focus
Michael Morpurgo

How you can support at home?

Please listen to your children read regularly, at least 3 times per week. Discuss the meanings of sophisticated language and ask them to read around the text to find the meaning within the context. Ask questions to check their understanding.

Writing

Using the digital-media clip 'The Piano,' the children will be introduced to the experiences of the main character and produce a story with flashbacks. Also, through Drama, the children will take on the role of soldiers in the trenches and write letters home to loved ones and complete a diary extract, describing what a day in the trenches was really like. They shall develop their poetry writing skills, using figurative language, to write poems to remember the soldiers who died in the many combats around the world. The children will use Read, Write Perform packs to create their own ghost story. Year 6 will be developing their grammar, punctuation and spelling skills on a daily basis.



Mathematics

To begin this term, the children will be developing their understanding of place value to 10,000,000, including rounding. They will be using negative numbers in context and calculating numbers across zero. Also, they will develop their skills of using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to solve real life problems. They shall work with whole numbers, fractions and decimals.



Knowing the multiplication tables by heart will speed up your child's calculations and help them to prepare for their forthcoming SATs. If your child has access to the internet at home, they can practice their tables using Times Table Rockstars and consolidate their Maths learning using Mathletics. Their log in details are in their reading record book.

Vocabulary

Place value, millions, less than, greater than, equal to, rounding, column, operation, integers, fraction, decimal, digit, ascending order, descending order.

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Creative Curriculum

As the new school year begins, Year 6 will be studying 'Lest we forget.' This topic will involve finding out about World War 1, its causes, the countries that were involved, what life was like for soldiers in the trenches and its effect upon life in England.

Within Art, the children will be studying the war veteran artist Paul Nash as well as creating propaganda posters in support of the war effort. Working in the style of artists Paul Cummins and Tom Piper, the children will be making their own clay poppies to remember those who gave their lives in World War 1.



Vocabulary

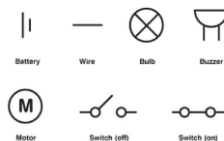
Alliance, allies, ammunition, armistice, artillery, assassination, barbed wire, barrage, Central Powers, combatant, conscription, home front, infantry, munition, no man's land, rationing, shell shock,

Science

This half term, the children will be investigating light. They will be exploring the way that light behaves, how it travels and how shadows change. They will work scientifically to build a functioning periscope and find out how the eye works to help us see.



Next half term, the children will use a range of electrical components to build circuits. They will investigate the impact of changing the number of components in a circuit. They will learn how to draw circuit diagrams using symbols to represent the components.



Vocabulary

Light, periscope, reflection, shadow, transparent, translucent, opaque, source, circuit, current, switch, symbol, component, buzzer, motor, conductor, insulator.

Enrichment

Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th October

A representative from **The Commonwealth War Graves Commission** shall work with children to research the soldiers from the local area who are buried in Fryston Cemetery.

Wednesday 4th November:

Konflux Theatre will deliver a creative learning workshop, In Flanders Field. This is linked to our WW1 topic.

Wednesday 11th November (To be conformed)

11:00 am

Remembrance Service at Fryston Cenotaph.

Important Dates

PE is every **Monday & Friday** afternoon so please ensure your child attends school in suitable P.E kit for the weather on these days.

SATs week:

KS2 SATs will take place from **Monday 10th May to Thursday 13th May 2021.**

Writing SATs continue until the end of June. Please ensure your child has 100% attendance.