

Year 6 | Autumn Term

Guided Reading & English

Term 1 - Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian is the unforgettable story of young Willie Beech, evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of the Second World War. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the unlikely care of grumpy old Tom Oakley. But then his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother to come back to London. As the weeks pass by Tom begins to worry when William doesn't answer his letters, so he goes to London to find him, and there makes a terrible discovery.

Term 2 - Rose Blanche, by Christophe Gallaz and Roberto Innocenti Rose Blanche is a young German girl, who protests against the war. She watches as the streets of her small German town fill with soldiers and turn into dark, joyless places. One day she sees a little boy escaping from the back of a truck, which she follows into the woods. We embark on the journey with her as she battles to save her friends and family from peril.

The class will read both texts in depth during guided reading sessions, discussing meaning and purpose. The children will produce varied writing outcomes whilst studying the texts such as letters, newspaper reports and narratives, which they will build to through role-play, vocabulary work and through sharing the writing process as a group. The children will also be supported to improve their spelling, grammar and punctuation skills during specific GPS lessons as well as throughout their curriculum studies.

Computing

Year 6 will use the Purple Mash programme to design and write a simple computer program. Later in the Autumn, they will learn about online safety.

Art and Design Technology

The class will study the work of Henry Moore – a notable artist from the WW2 period. They will work on their sketching skills, using a variety of techniques, to incorporate interesting effects to their artwork.

They will also learn about the role of propaganda posters during war-time and produce their own posters. The class will learn how to use different lettering styles, look at the colours used and explore different effects they can make through use of colour.

Theme:

Strength: Gift or Graft?

Overarching questions:

Nature vs nurture: Is the ability to cope with challenge innate or nurtured? (Term 1)

Victim, bystander, or hero? (Term 2)

Maths

The class will concentrate on numeracy skills, familiarising themselves with increasingly larger values. In the Autumn term, we will study:

- ⇒ Place value
- ⇒ Addition and subtraction and Multiplication and division
- ⇒ Fractions
- ⇒ Geometry – position and direction

The class will work on the application of their learning to problem solving activities in a variety of different ways.

Outdoor learning

We will use the outdoor space to support our learning as much as possible. Autumn provides us with much opportunity, particularly in art as we look at sketching techniques.

Home learning ideas:

Reading at home is of the utmost importance. Reading a variety of texts at home helps grow vocabulary, improves reading fluency, advances comprehension and even helps to improve writing. Please read as frequently as possible and discuss the texts you have read also.

As Year 6 look to consolidate prior KS2 learning and further deepen their understanding of number and methodology, it is vital that they know their times tables inside out. Please get onto TT Rockstars!

We are exploring WWII with a particular focus on Winston Churchill. If possible, complete some research on WWII and see if you can find and read any of Churchill's inspirational speeches. BBC horrible histories have some engaging songs and sketches if you can access them at all.

Science: Materials

Using the high-quality resources from Empiribox, children will discover the properties of materials. They will gain an understanding of how materials change and the role of energy in these processes. They will apply this knowledge to investigate how materials react to energy and what impact this has on how objects are manufactured.

History

Year 6 will learn about the role of Winston Churchill in WW2 and will write their own motivational speeches, using his speeches as inspiration. Whilst learning about life and times during WW2, the children will conduct their own research, look at primary and secondary historical sources and will compare and contrast modern day speeches with those heard during WW2.

Religious Education

In term 1, we will be exploring the question, "Is it better to express your religion in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?" We will learn about a real-life event to help us debate this question, look at religious art and produce our own versions, building to a piece of writing.

In term 2, we will be learning about the Hindu belief of Ahimsa (respect for all living things and avoidance of violence towards others) and we will use a well-known Christmas song to explore this topic! Throughout the term, we will explore our diverse culture by acknowledging calendar events such as Diwali and Harvest Festival.

PSHCE

The children will explore topics relating to health and wellbeing through circle time, debates, individual reflection, art and writing.

PE

Children will play netball and football in the Autumn terms. They will also have the opportunity to do indoor activities such as gymnastics and dance. Year 6 will have PE sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays and should come dressed in PE kit, including appropriate footwear.