Parent and Carer's letter: Year Six
Our theme for Summer 1 is: Summer 1 2022-23

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- To discover the causes of World War One and how the war came to an end.
- To investigate Leicester's part in World War One and the impact it had on the people in our community.
- Using our reading skills to analyse the themes in our new novel: Private Peaceful.

Our theme will last for: 6 weeks.

French

We will be using the French we have learnt to talk about The Olympics in our new French topic "Les Jeux Olympiques." This topic will help to reinforce the previous French we have learnt, as well as developing some new skills for conversational French in the future.

No Outsiders in our School

This half-term, we will be looking at the book 'Introducing Teddy' and discussing the themes of acceptance within it.

British Values

Our British Values focus for this half-term will be "Tolerance." Through discussion, we will articulate why tolerance of others, including their faiths and beliefs, is an important British Value.

Behaviour and Safety, and P.S.H.E.

We will be thinking about how we can make sure we are living healthy lives and how our health can be affected by smoking, drugs and alcohol, Furthermore, we will be discussing peer pressure and the impact that it can have on us as we begin to prepare for our transition to secondary education.

During R.E., we will be investigating Buddhism once again and building on our previous knowledge. This half-term. the key focus will be on Buddhist Temples, Buddhist pilgrimages and the Jataka tales. We will also look at how Buddhism and Christianity are similar and different.

Ultimate Frisbee will be the new sport for this summer half-term. We will learn the rules to this fast-paced and exciting game, using our previous knowledge of Disc Golf to support us with our throwing technique.

All P.E. lessons take place on Friday. However, if your child could have their P.E. kit in school at all times, this would be useful.



English:

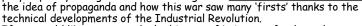
To tie in with our history topic, we will be studying a new novel, 'Private Peaceful.' During this unit, we will be looking at war poetry; writing letters home from the frontline; rewriting chapters from the point of view of different characters and exploring persuasive techniques through speeches and propaganda.

Finally, grammar, punctuation and spelling will be a key focus for us, especially spelling. We will be revising our grammatical knowledge and spelling strategies and using these to improve our writing, as well as in preparation for our SATs exams. It would be extremely beneficial if parents and carers could help their child to embed the learning from school by discussing the grammar they have been taught.

The author of our novel, Michael Morpurgo, was born during World War Two and often writes of the divisions, conflicts and injustices of warfare. His own family was deeply affected by war through the loss of his uncle. If your child is enjoying Private Peaceful, Morpurgo also explores the theme of war in two other novels: War Horse and Adolphus Tips.



This term we will become local historians and investigate the impact that World War One had on Leicester. We will be using artefacts to investigate how Leicester has changed in the last hundred years. Pupils will learn about how the 'Great War' began and how the attitude of people quickly changed. We will investigate



If you would like to research the history of Leicester further, please use the link here: Home - Story of Leicester

Geography

Continuing to develop our map skills from last half-term, we will be looking at a range of European maps using different and detailed scales. We will be looking at Ordinance Survey maps of our local area to discover how the area has changed before and after the war. We will also be looking at maps of the countries of Europe, exploring how World War One had a great impact on European empires and how the war's legacy shaped the countries of Europe in its aftermath.



World War One Alliances 1914 Art and Design Technology

Mathematics

including:

While we are studying the trenches, we will design and create a trench to illustrate how the war was fought. We will be using old milk cartons and Paper Maché, Pupils will also be learning about propaganda art and using inspiration from Abram Games to create their own artwork in the style of these posters.

In the final lessons before exams, we will be revising all the

practise of these at home would be beneficial.

cluding lines of symmetry and reflection.

tables and associated division facts quickly and accurately.

and data collection.

and division. These are the building blocks to Maths, and any extra

Looking at money problems and thinking about decimals. It would be

Area and perimeter of shapes. Pupils could practise this at home by

thinking about how much carpet they would need for a room in the

We will also be recapping our understanding of graphs, coordinates

great to discuss this when you are out and about shopping.

house, or how much lawn feed they would need for the grass. Recap our understanding of the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, in-

We will be focusing on different areas depending on the strengths and areas

This half-term is also see the end of our formal AET Maths. units, therefore

we will be using our creativity to looks at Maths. in a variety of contexts,

including Mathematics in Nature and Mathematics in the Réal World.

for development in each class. Arithmetic will continue to play a key role in

our mathematics activities and children should be able to recall their times

areas of Maths, that we have looked at this year, possibly

In our Music sessions, we will be continuing to work on our skills and rhythm whilst practising with the steel pans. Also, we are going to start to rehearse longer pieces of music. Hopefully we can share some of these with you soon.

Computing

Throughout the half-term, we will be using our Computing skills to support our work across the curriculum, especially through

To tie in with our novel, we will be creating a stop motion clip about life in the trenches. We may also use our computing skills to analyse data on spreadsheets, with a specific focus on the size of the military armies who fought during World War One.

Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes, as a minimum, every day. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Our vocabulary and spellings, that we will be practising and looking at over the half-term, will be shared via Seesaw over the coming weeks and these can be discussed, practised and looked at whilst at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of the words and see if they can put them into a sentence! Maths, and English homework will be set on a weekly basis. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle ticket's and rewards may be given for these by the teachers. A topic project will be set in the coming weeks on Seesaw - for this one you can let your creativity take hold! If your child is having any issues accessing Seesaw, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Spellings will be assessed in class throughout the week, based on the words that come up in English and Topic lessons. There will no longer be a weekly spelling list sent home for the children to learn.

Important Dates

24th April—R.E Day 9th—12th March—SATs week w/c 1st May-Teacher Appreciation Week w/c 15th May-Orienteering Week

1st and 8th May: Bank Holidays 15th May-Suffragette Visit 24th May-French Day

