

YEAR 6 CURRICULUM FOCUS

Spring 2024



Topic Title: World War Two & North America

English

In English during this half term, we will be using Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll as our inspiration for our writing. We will be writing a discussion, diary and a mystery story. During the second half term, we will be using the text, Once by Morris Gleitzman. This will provide the inspiration for writing stories, biographies, and classical poetry. We will use the axis-controlled countries to further inspire the children's writing.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be solving a variety of fluency, reasoning and problem-solving problems based on Place Value, Four Operations, Measurement, Fractions, and Decimals. We will use a variety of strategies using concrete equipment, pictorial representations, and abstract methods.

Science

In Science during this half term, we will be looking at Light. We will investigate how light travels in straight lines; how our eyes work to allow us to see things and how shadows are created. During the second half term, we will be looking at Living Things and their Habitats. We will learn about classification of living things, including microorganisms. They will learn the names and characteristics of the main groups used to classify animals, plants and microorganisms.

Foundation Subjects

In Geography this term, we will be introduced to the key features of the United States of America (USA). We will develop an understanding of the different environments present within the USA: the key physical features, where populations are distributed, and some of the interactions between the human and physical environments focusing on food, farming, and water.

In History this term, we will be looking at World War Two and axis-controlled controlled countries. This will include looking at how these countries changed and the ways in which groups of people were persecuted and protected. This will include looking at anti-Jewish laws and the Kindertransport programme.

In RE this term, we will be investigating Buddhism and looking at various aspects of this religion including its core beliefs and teachings; worship and symbols; four noble truths and various religious stories.

In Computing this term, we will be looking at Networks and Spreadsheets using Purple Mash.

In Design and Technology this term, we will be looking at food and creating our own meals using a variety of skills.

In Art this term, we will be looking at Andy Warhol and creating our own Andy Warhol-inspired artwork.

In PE this term, we will be developing our skills in Netball, Cricket, and Gymnastics.

In PSHE this term, we will be looking at anti-bullying, financial capability, and economic wellbeing.

Homework Expectations:

To support your child's learning, could you please:

- read with your child, asking them questions to consolidate their understanding of the text, including their use of inference, E.g. "How is the character feeling?"
- encourage your child/ren to take a quiz when they return to school to progress through the points and achieve certificates. You can complete this at home on <https://ukhosted8.renlearn.co.uk/1895717/>.
- encourage your child/ren to practise their times tables using Times Table Rock stars. <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>
- encourage your child/ren to complete their EdShed games each week to develop their spellings. <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/menu>

Additional Information & Reminders:

- Our PE days during this **term** are Thursday and Friday.