

In **Mathematics** we will consolidate and extend our knowledge of place value, and then move on to calculation methods to use with the four operations (+ - x ÷). With these, we will focus on both improving mental calculation and formal, written strategies. We will then apply this knowledge to solve complex word problems. After half term, we will broaden our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages.

In **P.S.H.E.**, Year 6 will be following these units: Rights, Rules and Responsibilities, My Emotions and Anti-bullying.

In our **Topic** lessons, the areas we will focus on include: Life in the 1930s; using historical sources; the course of the War; Hitler and the Nazis; the countries involved in WWII; the Blitz; the Evacuation; British life during the war; rationing and propaganda; Anne Frank and the Holocaust.

Many of our **English** activities will follow our topic of 'World War II; we will be exploring texts set during this time, including Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian; Carrie's War by Nina Bawden; Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo and The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank. Some of the text types we will cover include story settings, biographies and diary entries. We will also improve our reading comprehension, and spelling, punctuation and grammar.

In **French** lessons, as well as revising previously learnt vocabulary, we will be counting beyond 30; learning the days and months; and telling the time.

In **Science** lessons, we will be exploring Light. We will learn to recognise that light travels in straight lines, describe how light enables us to see and investigate reflection, refraction and colours. Later, we will study how Electricity flows through a circuit and use the main symbols to draw and interpret circuit diagrams.

During **P.E.**, the children will be working on increasing their strength, flexibility and fitness. We will also be learning invasion games skills, and applying them to football.

During our **R.E.** lessons we will be exploring the Creation Story; we will explore conflicting interpretations, focussing on how Science and Religion both support, and contradict each other. We will then concentrate on Incarnation in the latter stages of this term, considering Jesus' birth and his embodiment of God. Our school value for the first half term is 'Creativity', and 'Peace' for the second half.

In **Computing** lessons, we will start by learning how to stay safe online, keeping passwords secure, protecting personal information, using websites safely, asking permission before downloading and the effects of posting comments and communicating with others. In the second half of term we will learn how to be computer programmers, planning and inputting instructions to create a sequence.

In **Music** we will carry on learning to play the recorder; we will be using musical vocabulary and practising reading musical notation.

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Year 6
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