

# Curriculum News

Year 6: Spring 1

# English

We are starting our new term off by looking at performance poetry where our focus will be using our voices to bring well-known poems to life!

Our next two units will link in with our History topic of WWII where we will create two non-fiction texts: an informal letter from the perspective of an evacuee and then a diary entry based on events during the Blitz.

We are going to look at four fiction texts which will evoke plenty of emotion from our pupils and will also highlight what life was like in Britain and in Germany during this period.

## Maths

This term in Maths, we will be focussing on Ratio, Algebra and Decimals. Beginning with Ratio, we will understand what it is, look at scaling up and apply this to real life situations. Moving onto decimals, we will multiply decimal numbers as well as converting fractions into decimals and vice versa. Beyond this, we shall be looking into percentages. The children will be investigating how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages as well as gaining a greater understanding on how to find percentages of amounts. We shall have a go at doing some Algebra. This will involve forming expressions, equations and then solving problems using this knowledge.

### Curriculum Overview

In History, our topic will focus on events during WWII and why this is an important part of British history. We will be looking at events such as The Blitz, The Battle of Britain and the Holocaust along with changes to daily life with both the evacuee and rationing programmes.

In Design Technology, we are going to plan, design, create and evaluate model Anderson shelters using simple materials. Our focus will be on their durability and looking at ways to reinforce them to ensure they are safe.

In PSHE, we will begin the topic of 'Dreams and Goals'. This will include discussions on motivation as well as the children setting realistic goals for the future and thinking about how they can achieve them whilst overcome obstacles in the process. In Computing, the children will be learning how to create a website.







**Bitesize KS2** <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn</a> Learning at home? Bitesize is the one! Lessons full of videos, quizzes and practice activities to help you with home learning.

#### **English**

**Spelling Shed** (Please find the pupil link through Wonde)

Pupils can practise their weekly spelling rules and statutory challenge words through a quick online game.

#### Boom Reader <a href="https://pupils.goapps.app/">https://pupils.goapps.app/</a>

Our online reading record which pupils must update at least once a week with their Class Library book. Any other books can be added as additional reading and comments.

#### **Maths**

TT Rockstars: <a href="https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school">https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school</a>

Year 5 children are set battles weekly and a champion is awarded at the end of the week!

Corbettmaths Primary: https://corbettmathsprimary.com/

Videos for each maths topic, quizzes and '5-a-day' which is like Masters of Arithmetic.

## Reminders

- Pupils must come to school in their P.E. kit on both Wednesday and Thursday.
- Please speak to your child about their weekly homework. They have a homework timetable to refer to in school and there is a copy to access on the Rg page of Google Classroom.
- If you would like to know your child's Autumn assessment marks, please email Ms Heathcote or Mr Biggin who can provide you with these along with some targets for you to focus on at home in preparation for May.