

Forest and Sandridge C of E Primary School

Curriculum Information Letter- Year 6 January 2022



Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you back to school and hope that you had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. In this letter you will find an overview of the work that your child will be completing during this Spring Term in school.

Our Focus Values for the Spring Term are Hope and Wisdom.

Our Theme for the Spring Term is World Wars.

English	In English over Term 3 we will be exploring a chapter book called 'Varjak Paw'. Varjak Paw is a Mesopotamian Blue kitten. He lives high up in an old house on a hill. He's never left home, but then his grandfather tells him about the Way – a secret martial art for cats. Now Varjak must use the Way to survive in a city full of dangerous dogs, cat gangs and, strangest of all the mysterious Vanishings. Following this, Year Six will be looking at Rose Blanche a book by Christophe Gallaz and Roberto Innocenti. Rose Blanche was the name of a group of young German citizens who, at their peril, protested against the war. Like them, Rose observes all the changes going on around her which others choose to ignore. She watches as the streets of her small German town fill with soldiers. One day she sees a little boy escaping from the back of a truck, only to be captured by the mayor and shoved back into it. Rose follows the truck to a desolate place out of town, where she discovers many other children, staring hungrily from behind an electric barbed wire fence. We will be using these in our reading lessons with an emphasis on our VIPERS comprehension skills.
Maths	Year Six have started Term 3 learning about fractions and percentages. We will be exploring how to perform the four operations with fractions. Following this, we will be looking at ration and percentages.
RE	Religious Education and our understanding of this is at the forefront of our teaching. We are really proud of our Christian Ethos and it's so fantastic to see the children following our school values of Humility, Compassion, Respect and Courage, all of which are prominent and key daily aspects of our religious teachings. We, as much as possible, try to relate our lessons to real life scenarios, to help the children develop their understanding of Religion and Our World. In Term 3 and 4 Year Six will be learning about Christianity specifically looking at Gospel and Salvation. Our key questions over the next two terms are 'What did Jesus do?' and 'What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?'
Science	We aim to make Science lessons engaging with experiments and hands on learning. We are lucky to have lots of Science resources to ensure that this can happen. This term Year Six will be focusing on Light followed by Living things and their habitats. We are hoping to have the opportunity to hatch chicks in school again this year.
Computing	We are continuing to use Purple Mash to help structure and support our computing lessons. Year Six will be learning all about 'Coding'. We will be designing and making a more complex program; using functions and following flowcharts to control simulations.
PE + Sports	Term 3 – Gymnastics Term 4 – Dance

History	Year Six are looking in to the First and Second World Wars. We will be primarily focussing on areas of the Second World War including rationing and evacuation. However we will spend time comparing different aspects of the First and Second World War. We will also have some cross-curricular links with our writing in English.
Geography	Through Geography we will investigate natural disasters, this will include looking at volcanoes and earthquakes. This will also link back to the Human and Physical Geography that we looked at during Term 1 and 2. In addition to natural disasters, we will also be linking areas of Geography back to our History topic, this will enable the children to have a clear understanding of the countries involved in the World Wars and their localities.
Art and Design	We are excited to be re-capping our painting knowledge and skills in order to create our own propaganda for the World Wars linked to our history.
D.T	Year Six will be designing and building our own bird boxes.
MFL	We will be extending our French knowledge of our friends and family and continuing to learn to write in French.
PSHEE/SRE	Dreams and Goals in Term 3 is all about: The Dreams and Goal Puzzle lends itself to developing children's entrepreneurial skills to help them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work with money to aid their understanding of financial capability; • generate money that could be used to support others less fortunate; • develop age-appropriate skills to support them in their future workplace. Healthy Me (Term 4) is all about: taking responsibility for your own health and well-being.
Music	This year we will be following a new scheme of work for music. Our first unit is called 'Journeys'. This unit focuses on songs that can be sung in different combinations. The theme of challenging journeys in life resonates through this selection of songs with thoughts of change and transition, and binds them in an optimistic and uplifting song-cycle performance.
Attendance	This year we have a school target of 97% for all pupils. It is very important that your child attends school every day that they are fit and well. Please check our website or telephone the school office if you are unsure about whether to send your child into school or not. Pupils with attendance of less than 90% are regarded by the Government as having Persistent Absence and pupils with attendance in danger of falling to this level will be invited into school for support and an action plan (to restore their attendance to a level that will allow them to achieve well at school).
Learning at Home	Spellings Reading Maths Attack
Important Information	PE will be every Tuesday for both Poplar and Oak.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on Class Dojo.

Miss Earl & Miss Moffat