



# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

## A Child's War

### Year 6 Class Notices:

#### Chestnut:

Mrs Jones  
Mrs Lockett



PE days:  
Tuesday and Thursday

#### Sycamore:

Mrs Stewart  
Mr Godridge



PE days:  
Monday and Thursday

If you wish to get in contact with Year 6 staff, please speak to us at the end of the day, phone the office or email: Year6@westfield.staffs.sch.uk

#### Reminder:

**SATs:** 13.5.24 - 16.5.24  
**Drayton Manor** - 23.5.24

Summer 1—2024

### A siren sounds and a Spitfire zooms overhead! It's 1939 and Britain is at war!

Through our history lessons, we will explore the cause of the Battle of Britain. Then discover the implications this had on the women and children left at home.

In music, we will listen to and appreciate music made during WW2, then compose our own music based on the era.

During science, we will be studying electricity. At the end, children will be tasked with creating a working Morse code system.



#### English

This half term we will be reading 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian.



- We will write informal letters home from the perspective of a WW2 evacuee.
- Following our learning in creative lessons, we will write an explanation text answering: How did the role of women change during WW2?
- Then we will write a flashback narrative based on the story Goodnight Mister Tom.

#### Maths

This half term, we will continue to develop our understanding of written strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We will also:



- Explore the properties of shapes and calculate the interior and exterior angles.
- Calculate the radius and diameter of a circle.
- Read and plot co-ordinates in four quadrants.
- Continue to practise our arithmetic skills, including decimals, fractions and percentages.

## PSHE

We will continue to spend time doing circle time to allow the children to talk through any worries or concerns that they have—we will be also having conversations about transition to secondary school. As a part of these sessions, we will also be having a focus on online safety and being responsible online citizens. Within class, we also have our 'Thoughts and Feelings' box for the children to use at any time.



In PSHE lessons, we will talk and write about our opinions, explain our views on issues that effect us and society.

## RE

In RE, we will be exploring the importance of hope. We will raise questions about issues which cause people to wonder and investigate some answers to be found in religious writings and teachings

## PE

In our PE sessions, we will be exploring shape and balance during gymnastics. In our other PE lesson, we will be participating in athletics, where we will develop our throwing, running and jumping skills.

## French

During French lessons, we will learn to converse with our peers about planned activities, including what the activity is, timings and how to travel to the activity.

# Home Learning

Each half term, we require children to complete at least one homework project from the selection below.

<p>Create a piece of artwork representing London during the Blitz.</p> <p>You could use paints, pencils or chalk.</p>	<p>Design and make a WW2 gas mask box. Make sure it's practical and can be carried around by a young child.</p>
<p>Research the war time rations. Then create a WW2 recipe, using the rations that every household had available.</p>	<p>Make an Anderson shelter. Be creative using materials/ recycling you have around you.</p>
<p>Make-Do-Mend!</p> <p>Use scrap material or old pieces of clothes to make a new piece of clothing.</p>	<p>Write a piece of poetry representing a significant event or person from the Second World War.</p>

### Reading

Children are encouraged to read their chosen text from the Accelerated Reader Programme daily. In school, children will then be given a quiz once they've completed the book.

### Spelling

Please practise the Year 3/4 and 5/6 common spelling words.

### Maths Practise Book

Each week children will bring home their Maths Practise book, with a set number of pages to complete. These books should be returned by Wednesday of the following week.

### Monster Learning

<https://monster-learning-green.com/>

All children have a login for Monster SATs. We encourage children to complete at least one assessment each week in the build up to SATs.