

# Year 6 Newsletter



**Autumn 1 2019** This half-term our topic is 'World War II' and where possible our work will link to this.

## English

**Focus Texts** – Letters from the Lighthouse (Emma Carroll) and My Secret World War 2 Diary (Marcia Williams).

The children will be using the books as a stimulus for writing a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. They will be applying their SPaG learning in context and broadening their vocabularies.

SPaG for this half-term includes - revision of key word classes: adjectives, verbs, adverbs, nouns (including pronouns), understanding different clauses including revision of the relative clause, and contraction revision.

## Maths

The children will be working with numbers to 10,000,000, using negative numbers in context and solving problems using these aspects.

### Four Operations

We will be revising the methods learned so far for the operations and broadening our skill set with other methods for multiplying (including decimals) and dividing (giving decimal or whole/fraction answers rather than having a remainder). We will also be identifying common factors, multiples and prime numbers.

## Science

Our unit is called 'Evolution and Inheritance'. The children will be taught to recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. They will recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.

We will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. This will be the focus of an investigation about bird beaks.

## History

Our topic is 'World War 2'. The children will learn how the war started, the significance of the 'Battle of Britain', and about some key figures. We will also look closely at life at home and explore evacuation, rationing, the Blitz and the war effort. We will consolidate learning with a trip to the Beacon to study some artefacts from the period. The children will demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways, including some cross-curricular writing.

If any parents have any family memorabilia from the war, I'd be very pleased to show it to the children.

## Other Subjects

This half-term our PE will be on Thursday and Friday. We will be doing fitness and hockey.

**Computing** – Designing, writing and debugging programs.

**French** – Our town. Revising numbers and letters using grid references, writing in sentences and using description.

**Art** – Pop art and Cubism

**RE** – Islam

**PSHE** – Me in My World

**Music** – Happy