

**The Teachers in Year 6 are: Mrs Girling, Mrs Bridgett, Mrs Holt**  
**The Teaching Assistants are: Mrs Webster, Mrs Preston and Miss Woolley**

### Our Topic this Half Term is 'Britain at War'

In the Britain at War project, we will be learning about the main causes of the First World War and which countries were the major players. We will investigate why so many men volunteered to fight and then sequence the events at the start of the war. The children will listen to first-hand accounts of life on the home front and evaluate the impact of war on everyday life. They will also discover the events that led to the Allied Powers' victory and the consequences of the Treaty of Versailles. The children will also learn about the causes and main events of the Second World War. We will find out how Britain prepared itself for war and the war's impact on civilian life and will learn about the Battle of Britain and how it proved to be a key turning point for the Allied Powers. The children will also research the causes and consequences of the end of the Second World War and investigate the legacy of the wars in Britain. Closer to home, the children will research the life of a local First World War hero who sacrificed their life fighting for Britain. We will also investigate the legacy of these global conflicts in the post-war period.

#### English

This half term we will be learning to write: a historical narrative and a non-chronological report. We will be using the texts: World War II - Dorling Kindersley; Rose Blanche - Roberto Innocenti; Explore World War 2 - Jane Bingham; World War I - Dorling Kindersley; War Horse - Michael Morpurgo and The Story of World War One - Richard Brassey

### How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

Why not visit a local museum together to investigate how the Second World War affected your local area? You could also read an exciting fiction book set during the war. Alternatively, you could 'make do and mend', working together to create a model inspired by the Second World War from recycled materials or unwanted household items.

### Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Percentages, decimals and fractions
- Addition and subtraction
- Long multiplication and division
- Ratio

### General Reminders:

**PE:** Your child will be doing PE on **Wednesday** (outside) and **Thursday** (outside) each week. Please ensure that your child arrives in school in PE on these days.

### Homework:

Your child will now be given weekly Maths, English and spelling homework every Friday to be completed by the following Thursday.

### Reading:

Please continue to share a range of reading materials with your child at home and question them about what they are reading.

### Water Bottles:

Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day. They should contain water.

**iPads:** Please ensure your child brings their iPad to school every day and charges these at home every evening.

### Useful Websites:

[www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/bitezise/ks2](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitezise/ks2)  
[www.purplemash.com](http://www.purplemash.com)  
[www.myon.co.uk](http://www.myon.co.uk)

### Summer Dates for your Diary:

**15/04/24-** Back to school  
**13/05-16/05/24-** KS2 SATs week  
**07/05-09/05/24-** School Book Fair  
**23/05/24-** Last day at school  
**24/05/24-** School Inset day

### Any other Information

Please ensure your children continues to access websites such as Purple Mash, TT Rockstars and MyOn. They all help to support the learning we do in school.