



## What we are learning about this half term Aut 1 Year 6



This half term our big question is:  
Was It Only Soldiers Who Helped Their Country In The Great War?

### English

Reading – During our reading lessons we will be exploring a range of texts that link to our theme – World War I. We will develop our reading skills by answering a range of questions based on the texts we read. We will also have a big focus on developing our reading fluency through discrete speed reading sessions. This will allow us to build strong reading foundations.

Writing – During our writing lessons we will be planning and writing a diary entry from the perspective of a refugee using the book 'The Day the War Came'. We will also be creating a fact file based on the roles and responsibilities of specific war animals. During our lessons, we will be looking at the key features of these text types, which will allow us to generate writer's toolkits and we will evaluate WAGOLLS to help us write independently.

### Maths

We begin our maths lessons by recapping and developing our understanding of place value. We will then consolidate and extend our understanding of the four main operations: addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We will do this through answering arithmetic questions as well as reasoning and mastery questions.

During our fluency lessons we will be exposed to a range of question types and we will work on using the resources we have available to support our understanding.

### History/ Geography

We will be learning about how and why WW1 began, which countries fought in WW1 and the alliances they made. We will also learn about the important role of animals and women during The Great War. This will give us a wider outlook as to what really happened during the war and how it affected people's lives.

### R.E.

In RE we will be exploring these questions – What would Jesus do? Can we live by the values of Jesus in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Our lessons will be based on different parables. We will think hard about the messages within these and think about how they can impact our lives today. We will also think about the advice we would give to others using our knowledge and understanding.

### Science

In science we will be developing our knowledge and understanding of electricity that we built in year 3. We will be learning the technical symbols for the components in an electrical circuit and we will have lots of opportunities to create circuits of our own. During our learning sequence, we will also be able to conduct an investigation to see how bulbs can be affected by the amount of electricity provided to them.

### Art/ D&T

Collage silhouette – War Scene  
At the end of our art unit, we will have created a war scene using a mixture of collage and silhouettes. We will spend our time in lessons researching design ideas, creating mood boards, and creating our plans. Once we are happy with our plans, we will start to create our final pieces of art.



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<p><u>Computing</u></p> <p>Our first computing unit will be based on privacy and communication security.</p>	<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>6A will be developing their ability to play steel pans with the support of the Derby Music Partnership. 6B and 6C will be learning all about the history of music.</p>	<p><u>PSHE</u></p> <p>Our PSHE lessons will be based around rights and responsibilities. We will learn about why these things are incredibly important within school and within our wider society.</p>	<p><u>P.E.</u></p> <p>6A – Wednesday and Friday          6B – Wednesday and Friday          6C – Tuesday and Wednesday</p> <p>One of our PE sessions will be spent developing our Real PE skills through studying Unit 1 and the other session will be based on developing our Tag Rugby skills.</p>	
<p><u>Parental Events/ Visits/ Visitors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September</u> – Open afternoon (from 3pm) and Meet the Year 6 Team – Parents meeting (3:30pm)</li> <li>- <u>W/c Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September</u> – Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum</li> </ul>	<p>You will receive a knowledge organiser that includes full of facts about World War I to help with home learning. Please ensure that your child looks at this regularly. This is also something that you could use to have discussions with your child about their learning.</p>	<p>Half termly home learning grid will have tasks and challenges to complete at home to support your learning this half term.</p>	<p><u>M.F.L.</u></p> <p>We will be developing our ability to speak, understand, read and write French.</p>	