



What we are learning about this half term Aut 2 Year 6



This half term our big question is:
Peace for our Time? (WWII)

English

Reading – During the second half of our autumn term, we will continue to focus on the key reading skills that we have been looking at in the first half term. To do this, we will explore a range of texts connected to our Theme unit of World War II. At the end of each week, we will spend one lesson focusing on a specific reading skill (skimming and scanning, for example) and another lesson putting this skill into practise through a comprehension text and test-style questions.

Writing – Within writing this half term we are stepping into the shoes of an evacuee child. The children will unpick the key similarities and differences between the children before and after they were evacuated and write a setting description based on this. For our second writing topic, the children will write a news paper article recording a significant event that happened during the Blitz. Throughout these writing cycles, the children will develop their grammatical awareness around expanded noun phrases, clauses, figurative language, reported and direct speech.

Maths

This half term we are really focusing on developing our understanding of fractions. We will start our unit of work by understanding what a fraction is. We will then explore equivalent fractions, fractions on a number line and then we will move onto fractions of amounts. We will also develop our understanding of how to add, subtraction, multiply and divide fractions.

In our fluency sessions, we will continue to consolidate and develop our place value knowledge as well as our knowledge of the four operations.

We will also be working on our times tables to ensure we are incredibly confident with them.

History/ Geography

We will start our lessons by exploring evacuation, we will then think about the events that lead to war. We will also look at the countries involved and their leaders. The Holocaust will also be studied as well as the Battle of Britain. We will then finish our sequence of lessons by studying D-Day and VE Day.

R.E.

This half-term, we will be exploring what it means to be human in the eyes of Christians and Humanists. To do this, we will delve into big moral concepts such as fairness, honesty etc comparing Christian and Humanist views of these to determine what matters most to Christians and Humanists.

Science

This half term we are learning about light. We will start by unpicking how light travels and test key theories of the movement of light. We will unpick the concept of reflection and refraction and finally gain a deeper understanding into the colour spectrum.

Art/ D&T

In art this half term we are developing our sketching skills. We will start by learning the fundamentals of sketching and then build on this by applying into portraits and facial features. This will link to our WWII topic as we will draw detailed portraits of soldiers.



What we are learning about this half term Aut 2 Year 6

<u>Computing</u> We will be creating webpages in Computing lessons next half-term. To do this, we will delve into what a webpage is, what they include and how to make one.	<u>Music</u> While one class will be taught Steel Pans, through an external music company, our other two classes will be working on units such as Music Appreciation and developing our understanding of different musical instruments.	<u>PSHE</u> In PSHE, we are working on adapting to change and how we can manage our emotions during this time. Specifically, we are focusing on big life changes and loss. We will also be looking at family relationships and mental health.	<u>P.E.</u> 6A – Wednesday and Friday 6B – Wednesday and Friday 6C – Tuesday and Wednesday One of our PE sessions will be spent developing our Real PE skills through studying Unit 3 and the other session will be based on developing our gymnastic skills.	
<u>Parental Events/ Visits/ Visitors</u> TBC	You will receive a knowledge organiser that includes full of facts about World War I and Light 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.		Half termly home learning grid will have tasks and challenges to complete at home to support your learning this half term.	<u>M.F.L.</u> We will be developing our ability to speak, understand, read and write French. In particular, we will be focusing on securing our knowledge of the different colours and numbers . We will also be looking into the significance of Remembrance Day in France.