

## English

We begin by practicing performance poetry in preparation for **All Saints' Poetry Recital on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** and writing character descriptions of vampires. We will be writing biographies of the WW1 footballer Walter Tull following **Black History** month as well as holding a debate during **National Parliament Week**. Inspired by the film **Wing**, during **Anti-Bullying week**, the children will write alternative endings to a narrative, revising how to integrate dialogue effectively to convey character. We will also write lengthier pieces of writing across the curriculum, varying our sentence types and range of punctuation. Our grammar work focuses on the use of determiners and using the active and passive voice. We will also be using hyphens, apostrophes and semi-colons correctly and practising to identify the use of informal and formal language. Handwriting and spelling will be taught discreetly. Each week we will have focussed reading skills lessons honing our literal, deductive and inferential questioning skills. Please continue to read widely at home for pleasure and for practise, remembering to complete exercises on **Read Theory** to develop those comprehension skills.

**PSHE** Our PSHE topic this half term begins with **Bonfire Safety talk from the Fire Service on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. In **National Parliament Week from 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> November**, the children will spread the word about what Parliament is, what it does and how you can get involved. We will also be covering perceptions of normality - understanding disability, power struggles, understanding bullying, inclusion/exclusion and differences as conflict and difference as celebration. **Anti-Bullying Week is Monday 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November**. Year 6 children will revisit the importance of empathy and being empathetic.

**Music** As well as preparing for Christmas, Year 6 will be learning some songs used to raise morale during wartime.

**Science** Our learning on the Circulatory System is almost complete. In our new topic: 'Light'. The children will explore how we see shadows, reflection and refraction. They will learn how light travels and how this enables us to see objects. They will explore mirrors and angle of reflection. They will work scientifically to investigate refraction. They will investigate how light creates the colours we see.

**DT/Art** The children will be making Wire Poppies. As part of an enterprise project, Year 6 will be making and selling light up Christmas decorations at **All Saints' School Fair on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

## History

We are loving learning about Wars, through time and considering is it ever right to fight? Next **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, we hope to visit **Fiona Gardens to interview residents about their experiences of the Home Front**. We plan to visit the **Imperial War Museum on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. They will develop their chronological knowledge and understanding of world periods by learning about impact of both WWI and WWII on children and construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information. Identify and use a range of evidence to help understand more about life at home during this time. They will develop their understanding of, and ability to ask, historically valid questions about change cause similarity and difference. They will make connections with previous events they have studied. **A Class Assembly marking Remembrance will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9.10am.**

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**Maths** Year 6 will continue to consolidate and extend their knowledge of arithmetic and perform quick calculations. They will be solving calculations using written methods for all 4 operations and then applying these methods in reasoning questions. They will learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions and calculate fractions of amounts. We will be able to use, read, write and convert between standard units, converting measurements of length, mass, volume and time from a smaller unit of measure to a larger unit, and vice versa, using decimal notation to up to three decimal places. They children will solve problems involving the calculation and conversion of units of measure, using decimal notation to three decimal places where appropriate.

## Computing

Children will refresh their memories about the steps they can take to protect themselves including protecting their digital footprint, where to go for help, smart rules and security software. We will talk about the positives and negative aspects of technology and balance these opposing views. They will develop an internalised in-depth understanding of the risks and benefits of an online presence.

**MFL** Year 6 We explore patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words. Year 6 will continue to enjoy sessions with our Foreign Language Assistant, Madame Adame on Thursdays.

**Religion** We will learn what Justice is and know that we are called to work for it. know that God calls all of us to speak out about Injustice. The children will have the opportunity to know about individuals who have been persecuted for speaking out about injustice and reflect on the cost of commitment to justice and become aware that Christians across the world speak up for justice and that justice starts with each one of us. In Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



## PE

Gymnastics/Basketball will be taught on a Tuesday by Miss Thomas. **Manchester United Foundation** will teach on a Friday afternoon. **Please wear suitable PE kits to school on these days.** Woolly hats and gloves might also be wise as the children will be outdoors. **Tuesday and Friday are our PE days.**