



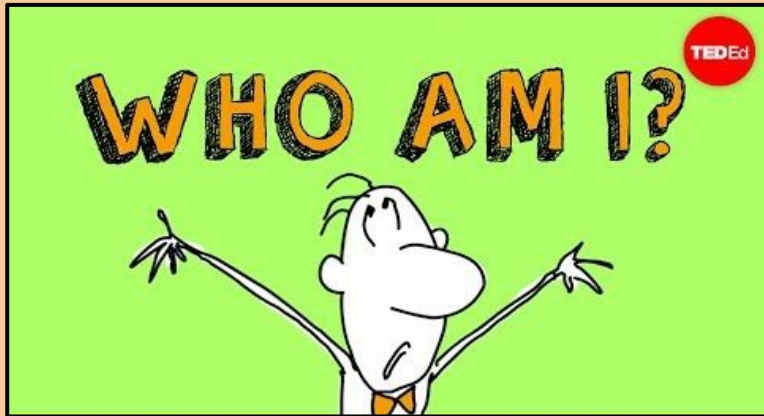
# SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Year 6 Newsletter - Term 1

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### The **BIG** question...



### Welcome



We are delighted to welcome you to Year 6 at South Borough Primary School. We have a fantastic year ahead planned, full of engaging opportunities and healthy challenge.

We are pleased to be able to continue the fantastic work and progress that started last year. It is a pleasure to be able to work alongside you and your children again. Please continue to encourage children to use Mathletics, Lexia, TTRS and to read throughout the year.

### English



In English we will be developing our vocabulary skills as we write a suspense filled story based on the short video, Francis. We will also write a persuasive text, linking to our learning of WWI in history, as well as reading and writing poetry about important issues. Our class novel is Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer.

### Maths



In maths we will continue to develop our understanding of place value. Following this, we will begin to revise our understanding of the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) alongside regular work on our problem solving and reasoning skills.



### Science



In science, the children will be exploring electricity. Through regular practical experiments, we will create working circuits using a variety of materials. As well as this, we will make predictions, observations and plan our own investigations.

### History



In history we are learning about World War I. The children will be considering the causes of WWI before learning about how soldiers were recruited, life on the Western Front and the role of women during wartime. We are planning an Armistice Marathon Experience as well as a WWI Day to include a 'truce football match.'

### Religious Education



In R.E. we will discuss the question, 'What do religions do when life gets hard? We will consider the end of life and whether there are solutions to suffering. We will consider responses from a variety of religions and worldviews, including Christian, Hindu and Humanist.

### Physical Education



Children will focus on two topics, problem solving and badminton. In our Problem Solving lessons, children will undertake a series of mentally and physically challenging activities designed to encourage teamwork. In Badminton, we will continue to promote healthy competition, whilst developing skill.

### Computing



Our Computing lessons are focussed on secret codes and the importance of Bletchley Park in developing computers and code. The children will learn about password security, Brute Force Hacking, as well as designing an interactive website about Bletchley Park.

### Music



This term our learning is focussed around the song, Happy by Pharrell Williams - a pop song with a soul influence, about being happy! We will listen to and appraise this song, as well as others with a similar theme. We will consider pulse, rhythm and pitch as well as learning to sing the song in its entirety.

## Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)



This term our Jigsaw lessons will begin with children identifying their goals for Year 6. We will consider what it means to feel welcome and valued, as well as discussing the use of consequence and rewards. We will be learning the importance of being good role models and understanding how particularly relevant this is as we enjoy our final year in primary school. We will consider the importance of democracy and what it means to be a global citizen. Finally, we will be learning about the universal rights of children.

## Art

In art we will be developing our drawing skills with a focus on the effect of light and shade and the creation of texture in our artwork. We are increasing the accuracy of our drawings of people and portraits and considering concepts of perspective and space.

We are using the work of Leonardo Da Vinci as our inspiration, as well as Paul Nash, the WWI artist responsible for creating artwork titled, 'We Are Making a New World.'

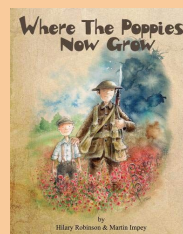
## Speaking and Listening (talking points for you and your child at home)

- October - Black History: Representation, Identity and Diversity
- Thursday 7th October - National Poetry Day.
- Friday 22nd October - Show Racism the Red Card Day



## Recommended Reading for this term

- Listen to Archie Dobson's War [KS2 Music / Dance / Drama / History: World War 1 Performance Pack - 'Archie Dobson's War'](#)
- Click on the image - 'Where The Poppies Now Grow' to see a video of this children's book being read aloud.
- [National Geographic Kids World War 1](#)
- War Horse - Michael Morpurgo
- Archie's War - Marcia Williams



## Reminders and Important Dates

- [South Borough Primary School Dates Ahead 2021-2022 \(Version 1\)](#)
- Friday 1st October - Armistice Marathon Experience (in school - PE kit to be worn)
- Friday 22nd October - World War I Day, including Truce Football Match (in school). Children may dress up in WWI style clothing if they wish & bring PE kit (warm clothes as we will be outside)



## Home Learning

