



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6 Learning Newsletter - Term 3

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The **BIG** question...

How can I change the world?



English

In English we will write a non-fiction text, comparing experiences of characters involved in conflict, as we consider, How Can I Change the World? We will read a variety of picture books to inspire us to write a poem about an important issue, as well as learning about the author, Charles Dickens, and writing a biography about his interesting life.

Science - Light!

We will learn about the way light travels, reflects and refracts. They will get the opportunity to use a variety of equipment, including lasers, to demonstrate their understanding and carry out scientific investigations - presenting their findings in a variety of ways.

Religious Education

We will discuss the question, 'Is it better to express your religion in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?' We will consider Christian, Muslim and non-religious beliefs and investigate why holy buildings and works of art may act as expressions of devotion to God and worship, alongside discussing how generosity and charity are shown within religion.

Computing

This term our computing lessons will focus on coding and algorithms. In particular, we will look at "text based coding". The children will use a variety of computing methods to code, decode and remix codes.

Physical Education

In PE we will begin to focus on a new topic, carnival dancing! Children will be immersed in the cultural variations of carnival dancing as they learn to manipulate their bodies to move and produce a sequence of movements as well as improvise.

Welcome

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope that you had a fantastic, fun and restful break over half term!

We are really looking forward to continuing to build on the positive work put in in the previous two terms. We will develop opportunities for children to reflect on their life goals, as well as consider the impact of their actions on the larger world. We will also look into the impact of climate change - and what we can do to help, developing our inquisition and problem solving skills!

Maths



This term we will continue to look at fractions and study their link to decimals and percentages. Children will learn about percentages in real world situations, as we study how to find percentages of an amount. Towards the end of the term the children will begin to learn about the concept of algebra. We will continue to recap our 4 operations skills as the term progresses.

History

This term we will continue to learn about the devastating effect of World War 2, paying particular attention to the impact on our town of Maidstone - please share with your child anything you know! We will consider key figures, including Hitler and Churchill, as well as Violette Bushell and Anne Frank.



Music

This term we will develop our understanding of Classroom Jazz, using the song Bacharach Anorak, based on the music of Burt Bacharach. We will listen to and appraise this song.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

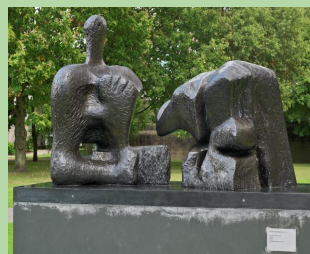
Our Jigsaw learning in Term 3, is in line with our Big Question, 'How Can I Change the World?' We will discuss our own dreams and goals, whilst considering the importance of having a positive attitude and staying motivated when things become challenging. We will also think about how we can support others to achieve their goals: exploring the impact we can have on positive change within school, within our own community and globally.



Art

In art this term 6W will be exploring biomorphic and geometric shape and form. We will discuss and evaluate our own and other sculptors work. We will learn how to use different materials to create form and explore a variety of techniques to join and build some amazing sculptures!

Artist study include, Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth.



D.T.

In line with our WW2 topic, 6S will be learning the skills to research, design and make a gas mask and case, as well as evaluating its suitability for purpose.

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

- Please discuss with the children our Big Question. How can I change the world? Talk about small acts of kindness and supporting friends. Ask your children if they know what can be recycled? Discuss whether or not they cut back on how much they waste? Perhaps they are very eco-friendly - could they share how with the rest of the class on Google Classroom. What aspirations do they have for the future?
- Computing - Coding - The importance of clear instructions - [watch this video](#) - you could try something similar at home, video it and post it on Google Classroom to show everyone how it went - even with mistakes!
- Science - Light - You could discuss different sources of light and their uses whilst you are out. Can you prove that light is reflected off of objects and into your eyes? - [Support video](#).
- 4/2 to 20/2 - Winter Olympics in Beijing!

Recommended Reading for this term

- **Goodnight Mr Tom - Michelle Magorian**
- **The Silver Sword - Ian Serrallier**
- **Hero on a Bicycle - Shirley Hughes**
- **Blitzcat - Robert Westall**
- **Local History - A tragedy in Maidstone - [Click Here](#)**
- **Memories of the War - Maidstone - a first person recount of the war - [Click Here](#)**
- **Growing up in Maidstone During WW2 - a first person recount - [Click Here](#)**



Reminders and Important Dates

- Children's Mental Health Week.
- Safer Internet Day.
- Friday 4th Feb '22 - World War 2 Day (in school)



Home Learning

