



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6 Newsletter - Term 2

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The **BIG** question...



What Makes Me Unique?

Welcome

Welcome back to Term 2 in Year 6! We hope that everyone is well rested and ready for a fantastic, engaging and inspiring term!

We look forward to sharing a variety of different experiences with Year 6, providing the children with excellent learning opportunities. We had a hugely successful start to the year and we want to build on that, continuing to make good progress. Thank you for all of your hard work and support.

English

In English we will explore the picture book, Rose Blanche, and write a diary entry based on Rose's harrowing experiences during WW2. We will also write a non chronological report, describing the extraordinary creatures that live on the fictional planet, Pandora. We will finish the term by studying a host of inspirational figures as we write a biography. Our Class Novel is Once, by Morris Gleitzman.

Maths



In maths we will consolidate our previous learning on the 4 operations, before progressing on to our fractions, decimals and percentages topic. The children will learn how to add, subtract, multiply, divide, simplify and convert fractions. All of which are crucial for success in maths this year.

Science

In Science we will be learning about Earth and Space. The children will study the solar system and planets within it, focussing on Earth and its relation to time and the Sun. We will also be taking part in an "Astronomy Roadshow" which will allow children to actively explore Space with experts!

History

This term, Year 6 will be exploring the devastating history of World War 2. We will learn about the 'Blitz', evacuation, as well as studying the rise of the Nazi party in Germany, and the impact Adolf Hitler had on the world. The children will also take a trip to Maidstone museum and learn about the life of a child in WW2!

Religious Education

In R.E. we will continue to discuss the question, 'What do religions do when life gets hard? We will consider what difference beliefs might make to how someone lives and will consider the belief of judgement within religion. As in Term 1, we will consider responses from a variety of religions and worldviews, including Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Humanist.

Physical Education

Our PE lessons will focus on two different sports: gymnastics and tag rugby. The children will develop their balance and coordination skills in a topic of "Matching and Mirroring" - where they will need to synchronize their movements. In tag rugby, pupils will develop their competitive invasion game skills.

Computing

This term, children will continue to develop their understanding of the impact of Bletchley Park. Children will record and edit radio plays set during World War II (linking to our History topic), look at how computers have evolved through time and design a computer for the future!

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, as well as others with a similar theme. We will consider pulse, rhythm and pitch as well as learning about improvisation in the classroom.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

This term our Jigsaw lessons will help us to consider our own and society's perceptions of normality. We will share our understanding of disability and how this can affect lives and consider the importance of celebrating differences. We will discuss power struggles and conflict, inclusion and exclusion and link our learning to Anti Bullying Week, where we will discuss both inclusion and exclusion and explore the importance of an environment where empathy is valued and encouraged.

Art

In art this term 6S 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.

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

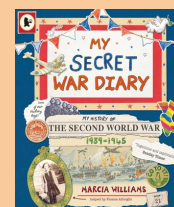
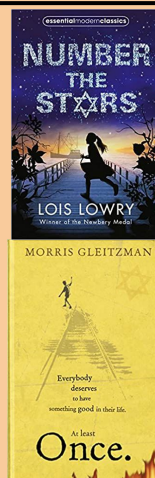
We will also be making Italian bread with a recipe inspired by our playscript, Bombs and Blackberries.

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

- 11/11 Armistice Day
- 15/11 Anti bullying week
- [Follow this link for key events in Space in 2021](#). In particular number 21 - Geminids Meteor Shower which will be visible on 13th December. Also number 18, where Neptune and Uranus will be visible on 5th November.

Recommended Reading for this term

- Letters from the Lighthouse - Emma Carroll
- My Secret War Diary - Flossie Albright
- Once - Morris Gleitzman - **A PDF copy is on Google Classroom.**
- Number the Stars - Lois Lowry
- Bombs and Blackberries - a WW2 Play - Julia Donaldson



Reminders and Important Dates

- [South Borough Primary School Dates Ahead 2021-2022 \(Version 1\)](#)
- Friday 5th November - Year 6 Magistrates visit.
- Thursday 2nd December - Year 6 trip to Maidstone Museum - WW2 experience. Please wear school uniform.
- Wednesday 8th December - Parents invited to Year 6 Assembly - Bombs and Blackberries.
- Tuesday 14th December 2021 - Year 6 Cinema Experience (4000 Dojo Point reward dependant)

Home Learning

