

Sedlescombe Church of England Primary School
Topic Overview Year 6 - Terms 1 & 2

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON



TRIPS AND EVENTS

- Learning to Learn Day– Aspiration
- WW2 themed tea party
- Our *final* Good Work Worship– Wednesday 27th February

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In RE, our topic is 'What would Jesus do?'. We will be looking at the four gospels and seeing how people use the stories from the Bible to lead their own lives. We will then move on to the key question: 'What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?'

PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH & ECONOMIC EDUCATION

In PSHE our topic focus is initially 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be focusing on what we wish to achieve now and in the future and thinking about how we will achieve it. We will then move on to 'Healthy Me' which looks at different ways to keep our bodies and minds healthy.

P.E. LESSONS

- The children need to have their PE kit in school every day, but it should be taken home each Friday so that it can be kept clean for lessons.
- Jewellery **MUST** be removed, so if your child has pierced ears they will need a small pot to put their earrings in to keep them safe.
- Long hair should be tied back for school, but **MUST** be tied back for P.E. Lessons so a spare hair band is useful.

THE BIG IDEA

I am super excited about our next topic! 'Keep Calm and Carry On' is all about World War Two, particularly what life was like in England or on the 'Home Front' as it was called back then.

We will be using our class book 'Goodnight Mister Tom' to take us back to a time of air raids, evacuees and ration books. Although 'Goodnight Mr Tom' is primarily set in rural England, some parts take place in London which will give us an insight into life in the Blitz. To compliment our learning, we have a fantastic range of writing and art activities including a description of the Blitz, making WW2 food and designing and making an air raid shelter model. At the end of our learning, we will have a WW2 themed tea party.

In Science we will be finding out about:

- Our first main area of learning is all about the human body. We will be learning all about the circulatory system and what different parts and functions it has.
- We will also look in depth at how to maintain a healthy lifestyle including exercise, food and the impact of drugs and alcohol on the human body.
- We will then have a short project looking at different scientists and inventors and the impact they have had on the scientific world.

In History we will be finding out about:

- The children will be looking at many elements of the war including the reasons for the war starting, the affects of rationing, what life was like in the Blitz and lots more.

In Computing:

- The children have an amazing opportunity this term to create a WW2 themed animation.
- They will work in groups to plot a story, write a script and design a set.
- We will then use the iPads to take photos which we will use to create a stop motion animation.

In Art/DT we will be finding out about:

- We have a variety of fantastic WW2 themed art and DT activities to look forward to this term.
- We will be designing and then making our own air raid shelter sculptures, based on the Anderson shelter model.
- Building on our previous skills of colour mixing, we will make a bright coloured background and then cut out a silhouette to create a scene from the Blitz.
- We will be working in groups to have a go at using world war two recipes to cook a meal.

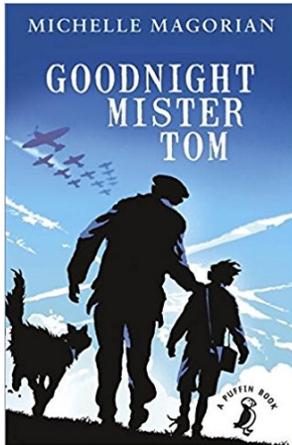
In Music we will be finding out about:

- The children will be listening and appraising different music and working on different vocal skills to improve their singing ability.

In PE we will be finding out about:

- The children will be developing different gymnastic skills and then creating and performing a WW2 era Gymnastics routine in time to music.
- In our outdoor PE, we will be developing our hockey skills in both attack and defence and then playing matches and tournaments.

ENGLISH



In English the children will be given the opportunity to study Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian and use this to inspire them in their writing. It will also give them a fantastic insight into what life was like for an evacuee during WW2.

We will have the opportunity to create a variety of different texts in both English and History. These will include: a description of the Blitz, a WW2 propaganda poster, a WW2 style recipe, a character description of William Beech from Goodnight Mister Tom, a postcard and diary in role as William and many more.

Some of these things will involve drama activities, speaking and listening as well as planning, writing and editing.

MATHS

- We have lots and lots to cover in maths before the summer so we will be charging full steam ahead:
- On Aspiration Day we will have our first taste of Algebra!
- We will be consolidating all of the things we have learnt previously– specifically: long multiplication and division, factors, multiples and prime numbers and all areas of fractions.
- Percentages and decimals will be a big focus for us along with their link to fractions.
- We will be looking at different units of measure and converting between metric units.
- Following this, we will then be moving on to area, perimeter and volume which link closely to measure.

CALCULATION METHODS

ADDITION	SUBTRACTION	MULTIPLICATION	DIVISION
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CLASS ROUTINES:

HOMEWORK:

- Homework is important in every year group but it is especially important in Year 6 as this time next year we will be in Secondary school where we will have homework to complete almost every night!
- Each week, we will have a piece of homework from either our Maths or Reading workbook. It will be set in class on a Friday and we will highlight the pages we need to complete. It needs to be returned by the following Thursday. If you have any problems, please ask for help on Wednesday.
- Reading is still very important and we expect 4 reads a week. Please make sure your book is signed and in school every Friday.
- Spelling is a real focus for us as a class. You have your own spelling book and need to practise your spellings with an adult at least once a week who needs to sign your book which will be checked on a Friday.

COMMUNICATION:

- Please encourage your children to speak to me if they should have any concerns. I will be available at the end of school if you wish to speak to me directly.
- In the morning Mrs. Harvey or another member of the Senior Leadership Team is available on the school gate if you have a message that you would like to have passed on to me.
- If there is a matter that you need to discuss with me in more detail please make an appointment to discuss this with me. This can be done by speaking to me at the end of the day to make an appointment or by speaking to Mrs. Hardees in the School Office.