Dates for your diary:

13-16th May – SATs week Year 6
3rd June – Home, Fire and Road Safety workshop
18 & 19th June – Pioneer Days at Gillotts School Year 6
27th June evening – Year 6 show for parents. Timings tbc.

UKS2 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 2024 Core Value: Friendship



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During the Summer term we will be finishing our topic 'British Bulldog – The Story of Winston

Churchill' before we move onto the unit 'Come Fly with Me – America'. We always welcome any books / knowledge / souvenirs from home to extend our learning in the classroom and bring a topic to life so please do send them in!



Year 5 - The Write Stuff - 'Rose Blanche'

Year 5 have begun this war-themed narrative unit, inspired by a wonderful picture book. Through role play, discussion and sentence construction, the children will learn how to develop a narrative story using literary devices including: pathetic fallacy, repetition for effect and brackets. The children will learn about concentration camps and life during WW2.

Year 6 – in Year 6 we are focussing on specific objectives within shorter pieces of writing ready for the end of KS2 assessment. So far, we have really enjoyed using The Dreadful Menace poem as our inspiration

Maths – Maths Mastery (White Rose Maths)

Year 5 – we have just finished our unit on perimeter and area and have moved onto statistics – learning how to draw and read line graphs, tables and interpret timetables.

Year 6 – as we build towards the tests in May, year 6 are working really hard on revising their arithmetic and reasoning knowledge and skills. The children have daily exposure to previous SATs papers and question types so that they are completely familiar with both the arithmetic and reasoning aspects of the tests. Beyond the SATs we will work on some more problem solving project work.



<u>P.E</u>

This term the children will be improving their tennis and cricket skills as well as taking part in swimming lessons at Henley Leisure Centre.

Year 5 swimming dates:16/23/30th April + 7/21st May Year 6 swimming dates: 4/11/25 June + 9th July

All PE lessons are on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and are outside this term.



<u>R.E</u>

This term, children will be learning about Islam

Children will explore what it means to be a Muslim and how Muslims lead a 'good life' – a core concept in Islam. We will think about how we live 'a good life.' Children will learn how Islam began and the life of Muhammad.

Through discussion and debate, the children will explore what heaven means to them and others including Christians and Muslims.

Learning Means the World – Dimensions Curriculum

Our **"British Bulldog"** topic obviously has a History focus specifically on Winston Churchill.

History – Churchill's early life as well as his time as Prime Minister during WW2. We will learn about how he is now considered by some to be a controversial figure in our history, as well as the legacy he left behind following his death.

Geography – Through learning more about WW2, the children will understand the location and importance of places including Dunkirk and Dresden.

ART- The children will learn that Churchill was a prolific and accomplished artist and will explore the inspirations for some of his more famous pieces and attempt to recreate them.

Drama – we will examine the features and vocabulary of some of Churchill's most memorable and inspirational speeches before using 'hot-seating' to interview the man himself.

Please note that some of these activities happen in rotation but all children will complete all activities at some point during the term.



In the 'Come Fly with Me – America' unit, we will learn about the different countries in North and Central America as well as the States in the USA. We will look at how America was discovered, the indigenous populaton, hclimate, human and physical features and explore the culture of this vast area.