



## The Great Wars

We will investigate the history of The Great Wars and discover what led up to the start of the largest wars in history. We will explore what life was like for the soldiers on the front line as well as what life was like at home for the women and children who kept Britain running. We will discuss the significance of events within the war, the leaders who made life-impacting decisions and how alliances between countries, power-hungry empires and the assassination of an archduke impacted on over 60 countries.

## Science

In term 1, we will begin by consolidating our previous years' work on electricity before learning how to represent circuits as symbols and investigating how to make buzzers / bulbs louder or brighter.

In term 2, we will begin by looking at what light is, where it comes from and how it travels. We will then discuss how human's see as well as how reflections are created and used in life. Finally, we will explore refraction and how this can create optical illusions.

## Numeracy

Our focus this year is on preparing for our SATs at the end of May. We will continue to have a **times tables test** and an **arithmetic test** every **Friday** (please ensure that your child practises their times tables and calculation methods each week).

We will be following the White Rose Maths long term overview. Our lesson progression will be available on our class page on the school website for you to see what we are learning about in class. On our page, you will also find downloadable Maths textbooks for you to support your child at home.

## Music

We will explore how music can help us express who we are and understand our identity. We will learn about inspirational female musicians from different cultural backgrounds and experiment with creating their own music.

## RE

In term 1, we will explore the question, "What would Jesus do?" by learning about Jesus' teachings and examples from the Bible. We will consider how Christians use Jesus' words and actions as a guide for living their lives today.

In term 2, we will learn about the Christian belief that Jesus was God's promised Saviour. We will investigate Bible stories and prophecies that Christians believe point to Jesus as the Messiah.

## English

**READING:** With our SATs tests in May, children **MUST** be reading regularly at home to an adult (at least 10 minutes, 5 times a week).

**SPELLING:** We will be using the Unlocking Spelling programme to help us to become confident and accurate spellers. Spelling will be taught daily through short, structured lessons, helping us to learn spelling patterns, rules and strategies. We will be assessed each Friday to check our understanding and application of the week's learning; however, there will be no weekly spelling lists sent home. We will place a strong emphasis on transcription, encouraging pupils to apply their spelling knowledge accurately in their everyday writing so that correct spelling becomes embedded across the curriculum.

**GUIDED READING:** To help improve our reading comprehension, we will have guided reading every day.

## PSHE

PSHE lessons will explore: Being Me in My World and Celebrating Difference.

## Computing

In this unit, we will explore variables in programming through games in Scratch. We will begin by finding out what variables are and relate them to real-world examples. We will then move onto creating a variable and experimenting with variables as part of an existing project. We will finish our unit by designing, making, evaluating and improving our own game which uses variables.

## PE

This year, we will be having two PE sessions on **Fridays**. To maximise active time, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their school PE (please see Uniform Policy for what is acceptable).

## Art & Design

We will look at the paintings of War Artist - Paul Nash - and how these showed people back home the horrors of warfare. Abstract and surrealism art will be discussed and we will learn how to create shades, tints and tones. We will use these to create our own Paul Nash inspired landscapes and cityscapes with one-point perspective.

## MFL - Spanish

In our first unit, aprendo español, we will learn useful vocabulary and simple phrases, helping us communicate about ourselves and the world around us. We will build a strong foundation for further language learning while gaining an appreciation of Spanish language and culture.

## DT

We will look at the impact WW2 had on people's access to foods and how they were encouraged to 'Dig for Victory'. The role of Lord Woolton will be discussed before we taste a WW2 recipe - Woolton's Pie. We will then design our own pie using rations before making, tasting and evaluating it.