St John's Primary School



This term our values will be **determination** and **respect**.

PE days Spring 1:

Year 5: Tuesday and Friday

Year 6: Monday and Tuesday

PE days Spring 2:

Year 5: Thursday and Friday

Year 6: Monday and Thursday

African Drumming Workshop: Monday 29th January

Delight in Shakespeare sessions: throughout January and February

Half-term: Monday 12th-Friday 16th February

INSET DAY: Monday 19th February

Visit to Woking Planetarium: Thursday 29th February

Delight in Shakespeare (children's performance): Wednesday 6th March

British Science Week: week commencing 11th March (workshops on Thursday 14th March)

Parents' evening: Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March

World War II Workshop (all day): Thursday 21st March

Easter Service: Thursday 28th March (10am)

End of term: Thursday 28th March (2pm)

Milestone 3 (Years 5 & 6) Spring Term 2024







THE BIG IDEA - Conflict during World War II

World War II shaped modern European history; it is important that we learn from the past in order to shape our future. In this topic, we explore the causes of WWII and its impact on life in England.

As readers we will read:

Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird, Hansel and Gretel by Michael Morpurgo and D-Day Dog by Tom Palmer.

As writers we will write:

- Poems that convey an image inspired by 'If I Had Wings'
- Letters and diary entries
- Discussion texts
- Twisted tales
- Non-chronological reports

As geographers we will:

- Learn that maps have been created by people based on their world views e.g. Mercator Map v. Peters Projection
- Learn that our 'mental maps' are biased
- Describe how countries and geographical regions are interconnected and interdependent
- Focus on Africa and Europe

As historians we will:

- Know why WWII began and how it ended
- Study important figures from WWI such as Adolf Hitler,
 Neville Chamberlain and/or Winston Churchill
- Study important events during WWII. E.g., Dunkirk, The Battle of Britain, The Blitz, Kinder transport, The Holocaust
- Study the roles of men and women during the war as well as the children, and explore why rationing was introduced

As scientists we will learn:

YEAR 5

- Earth and space
- Living things and their habitats

YEAR 6

- Light
- Animals, including humans

As mathematicians we will learn:

YEAR 5

- Multiplication and vision (formal methods)
- Fractions
- Decimals and percentages
- Perimeter and area
- Statistics

YEAR 6

- Ratio
- Algebra
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Area, perimeter and volume

We will also learn **Art** (Pop Art), **DT** (Kites structures), **RE** (Christianity), **PSHE**, **Music**, **French**, **Computing** and **PE** (including Gymnastics).

How you can help at home:

- Make sure your child reads daily and that you record it in their reading record (5 times a week).
- Make sure your child completes their weekly homework: maths and spelling.