

Year 5 and 6

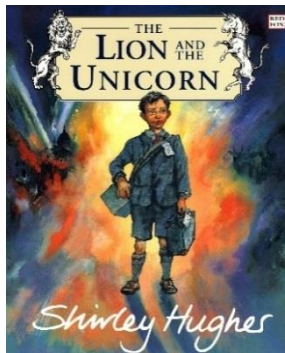
Curriculum Letter

Autumn 1 2020

We hope the following information will be helpful and provide you with an overview of the curriculum in our class this half term.

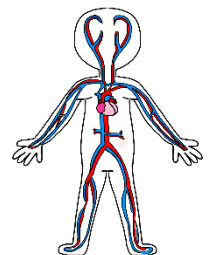
In **English** lessons this half term, we will be reading several books associated with our history topic, World War II: The Battle of Britain. The first book is *The Lion and The Unicorn*, a wonderful picture book, written by Shirley Hughes. The theme of this book is bravery and how a young evacuee learns to be brave during an exceedingly difficult time. Our second book is called *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo.

We will be focusing on story writing and will look in detail at character and setting description, dialogue, figurative language, varying sentence openers, selecting effective vocabulary and developing the children's ability to edit and improve work.



In **Maths** the children will firstly develop their knowledge and understanding of place value including Roman Numerals. They will be learning to compare, order, round and determine digits up to 10,000,000. The children will then continue to develop effective and efficient strategies for addition and subtraction. The children will develop fluency in number and then apply this knowledge in different ways including to worded problems as well as reasoning and explaining in greater detail and depth.

The **Science** topic at the beginning of the term is Animals Including Humans. Children will describe the changes which occur as humans develop to old age; be able to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans; learn about the changes experienced in puberty and research the gestation periods of other animals compared with humans.



ART: Mrs Way, who is our incredibly talented art specialist, will be teaching the children about Folk Art and Love in Art. They will study the works of: Maud Lewis, Gustav Klimt and Marc Chagall.

In **PE** the children will be developing skills for hockey. This will take part on Tuesday afternoons, so please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school, including trainers and a drink.

On Wednesday afternoon the children will be completing a variety of different Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (OAA). This will help them develop teamwork and skills.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) this half term will be French. The children will be listening to, speaking, reading and writing, basic greetings and numbers.

In **Design Technology** this half term, the children will be designing and making air-raid shelters. This will link to our history topic.

In **Music** this term, the children will be singing, composing and performing songs and in particular will learn about creating musical effects. They will learn about early opera: Monteverdi's: L'Orfeo.

This half term, Maths homework will be set every Monday and should be completed by the Friday of the same week. English homework will be given out every Friday and should be returned on Monday of the next week. Each homework should take between 20 and 30 minutes. Spellings will be given out every Monday and the children will be tested the following Monday. Children should read at home at least three times per week. Please continue to record reading in children's reading diaries. As a result of regular reading at home, the children will be rewarded accordingly in school through an activity of their choice. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss, no matter how small.

Kind regards , Niky Waller and Jenny Hughes

The **Geography** topic this half term will be centred around World War II and in particular The Battle of Britain. The children will develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of this very important period in our British history. We will be using the internet to research key facts and information surrounding this topic to develop our knowledge and understanding.

In RE we will be developing our knowledge and understanding of Christianity. Our key focus question is: What does it mean if God is holy and loving? We will be considering connections between biblical texts and Christian's ideas of God; show how Christians put their beliefs into practise in worship; and how God being holy and loving might make a difference in the world today.

Computing sessions this half term will be centred around Coding. They will be designing and writing programs to accomplish specific goals. They will use sequence, selection and repetition in programs and work with variable and various forms of input and output.



In PSHE we will be undertaking team building activities; collaboration games and building friendships. In addition we will be having daily 'Time To Talk' sessions where the children can discuss any worries or concerns or question they may have.