

Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Matters



Term **Spring 1 2017**

Year Group **6**

Teacher **Mrs C Dowse**

Please note that not all subject areas will necessarily be taught each term and we cannot write down everything we teach!

Topic/s

World War II

In this topic children will find out about the effects of the Second World War both nationally and internationally. They will explore reasons as to why the war began, what life was like as an evacuee, the blitz and its affects, rationing, clothing, propaganda and how the war years have influenced Britain since 1945.

Children use a range of sources, including the recollections of people alive at the time. They consider the reasons for and results of key aspects of the war.

Literacy

This half term (in line with our topic of Word War II) children will be focusing on the text, *Goodnight Mr Tom*. They will explore recounts and journalistic writing around the topic of evacuation and will complete character descriptions and letter writing based on the topic of friendship. To support our work on this text we will also watch the DVD of the film.

Children will also be learning about stories with flashbacks They will revise work on narrative, dialogue and settings. Using animations, the children will explore different forms of flashback and identify its various functions. They will then create their own flashback.

We will continue to focus upon techniques to support our writing including:

- Improving vocabulary and spelling using a dictionary and a thesaurus.
- Using higher level punctuation more effectively in sentences.
- Editing and improving our writing.
- Improving handwriting

Numeracy

Our weekly Numeracy lessons will include:

Number, place value and negative numbers, Mental addition and subtraction, order of operations, Place value, decimals and addition of decimals, Co-ordinates, statistics and measures, Mental multiplication and division; written multiplication, Fractions, percentages and statistics and Algebra.

The following websites can aid your child's learning:

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z826n39>

Personal, Social, Religious Education & PE

PSHCE-This half term we will be focusing upon "Going for Goals"

PE- Working together- Matching movements, Contrasting movements & Synchronisation.

Science & ICT

In Science children will be learning about animals, including humans. They will explore the structure of the heart and lungs. The double circulation through the lungs and the rest of the body is explained and children learn more about blood! How does exercise affect pulse rate? Why is exercise good for us and what can harm the heart and lungs?

In ICT children will use technology, including spreadsheets to create graphs and present data in different ways. They will be able to design, construct, evaluate and modify simple models i.e. enter data, enter formulae, copy cells and use simple formatting in a spreadsheet and will understand that ICT allows quick and easy changes to be made to different variables once a spreadsheet is set up

Helping at Home

A huge 'thank you' for all that you are doing with your children already at home.

Please continue with the spelling homework and mental maths tasks. Instead of a project, this half term, children will only be focusing on weekly spelling, punctuation and grammar activities. I do appreciate your efforts and your children will benefit.

Please listen to your child read whenever possible and take an interest in the book by asking inferential questions about the text e.g *Why did the author choose to write about such a difficult topic? Why did the main character shake her head? What do you think this phrases means? What do you think will happen next?*

Finally, if you could spend some time supporting your child in researching and collecting information on World War II- focusing upon any historical, geographical and/or cultural elements it would be much appreciated

Many thanks, C. Dowse