



Whitchurch CE Federation Newsletter



Year 6 - Autumn 1

Reading

We will read 'Blitz Kids' from our Collins Big Cat range and 'War Boy', Michael Foreman's recollection of childhood during WWII. Whilst reading these texts, we will focus on the skills of inference and explaining author's choice of vocabulary.

Writing

In writing, we will study the poem 'Blitz' by Mary Desiree Anderson before moving on to 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' by Jo Hoestlandt, a sensitive and poignant portrayal of the events of the Holocaust as told from the point of view of a child. These books will help us secure an understanding of verb tense and how to convey emotion through writing.

Maths

In maths, Year 6 will focus on number and place value, working confidently with numbers up to ten million. Pupils will then apply this knowledge and use the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) to solve a variety of problems. Throughout, we will work on accuracy, efficiency, and explaining our methods clearly.

Science

In science, we will study evolution and adaptation, exploring Charles Darwin's work and carrying out practical experiments to see how features such as finches' beaks have evolved over time. We develop skills in observing, recording, and drawing conclusions.

R.E.

Our big question is 'What would Jesus do?' encouraging children to reflect on their choices and consider how they can respond to difficult situations with kindness.

Computing

This term we will focus on the importance of online safety, learning how to use technology responsibly, protect our personal information, and recognise how to report concerns.

P.S.H.E.

This unit will help children build a sense of belonging within the class, school and community. Focus areas will include rights, responsibilities, school community and personal goals.

Design Technology

In DT, we will explore existing products before using CAD to design and create fabric cases (for glasses, phones, etc.).

Pupils will generate paper patterns, construct their cases from felt developing sewing skills, and add decorative finishes such as embroidery and appliqué.

History

Our question for historical enquiry is, 'Was the Battle of Britain the turning point in WWII?' We will learn more about specific events such as the signing of the Treaty of Versailles and the Battle of Dunkirk as well as what life was like for different groups such as fighter pilots and children living on the Home Front.



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