



## Termly Overview

**CLASS: Oak**

### Autumn Term 2018: World War 2

#### **ENGLISH**

This term the children will cover units in classic fiction (*The Secret Garden*), persuasive letters, poems, and autobiographies/biographies. The children will read a range of texts within these genres and be asked to give their views, using the text to justify their answers. They will compare texts and identify features of the focus text type. In their writing, the children will continue to use a range of sentence types and use punctuation marks such as colons, semi colons and brackets to indicate parenthesis. The children will be learning to spell words using suffixes and prefixes and will investigate synonyms.

#### **MATHEMATICS**

The children will begin the term with a number focus with the aim of being able to read, write, order and compare numbers to at least 10 000 000. The children will also learn to read and write decimal numbers as fractions (e.g. 0.71 as  $\frac{71}{100}$ ). In Algebra, the children will use simple formulae and express missing number problems. The children will be learning to solve problems in context using formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also be calculating mentally with increasingly large numbers. We will be encouraging the children to practise times tables facts weekly to improve fluency. In Geometry, the children will revise work on angles and draw and measure angles with accuracy.

#### **SCIENCE**

Our focus for this term is 'Living things and their habitats' and as part of this theme we will briefly revise 'Animals including humans'. We will be learning about the seven life processes and then turn our focus to life cycles in animals (including humans) and plants. We will learn how specific plants and animals are adapted to their environment. The children will learn how to classify living things, including micro-organisms, plants and animals based on their characteristics. The children will find out about the significance of the work of a famous scientist or zoologist. We will also be focusing on practical activities to develop our knowledge and understanding of how to work scientifically.

#### **COMPUTING**

The children will be using 'Scratch' software in the context of game development. They will use the concept of 'conditionals' to create a game. The children will also learn about e-safety; thinking about sharing information and communicating with others.

## **TOPIC (History, Geography, Art and Design, Design and Technology)**

### **WORLD WAR 2**

The children will begin by developing an understanding of why WW2 started, who its leaders were and what is meant by the 'Phoney War'. They will learn about some of the major events leading up to the Battle of Britain, including the countries involved and the roles they played. They will locate of the countries involved in first year of WW2 by locating them on a map of 1939 Europe. They will also locate the Channel, the south-east coast of England and some Luftwaffe targets in the UK. They will learn about the 'Make Do and Mend' campaign with the aim of learning to darn a sock. The children will also look at how the Dunkirk evacuation is remembered and create watercolour paintings to reflect this.

## **MUSIC**

The Shropshire Music Service will be teaching the children in Oak to play the recorder this term. Lessons will take place on a Thursday afternoon.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

During the first half of the term we will focus on the creation story and how Christians interpret the story and are influenced by it. The second half of the term will be focused on the religious question, 'Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?'. Throughout this term we will also be celebrating key Christian festivals including Harvest and Christmas.

## **PSHE**

We will explore the themes of 'New Beginnings' and 'Relationships', We will be these units we will be exploring and developing our relationships with each other and thinking about how we can best support each other.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

This term in PE children will learning football skills in sessions led by our sports coach Tom and a unit on speed, agility and quickness. PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please can children have the correct PE kit for in school all week.

## **MODERN LANGUAGES**

Children will revise work on speaking and responding to personal information questions such as where they live and their age. The children will later go on to learn to read, write and speak about clothes.

## **HOMEWORK**

Children in Y5/6 should spend approximately 1.5 hours per week on homework. The homework tasks will link to our work in English and maths and will be in a dedicated CGP work book. These will be given out and explained to the children on a **Thursday**. It should be handed in on the following Wednesday, into the 'Homework' tray in the classroom. Tasks also include reading, spellings and times tables practise. There will also be a termly project which will be based on our topic.