



## YEAR 6 CURRICULUM INFORMATION



### English

#### Year 6 Novel: *Private Peaceful*

**Narrative:** We will be using the story *Rose Blanch* by Ian McEwan to develop our narrative writing skills using our FANTASTIC writing approach.

**Grammar:** The year 6 grammar skills we will be learning include:

- Using adverbials accurately in a sentence.
- Using accurate punctuation (commas, semi colons, colons, hyphens)
- Understanding and use of passive voice.
- Subjunctive form.
- Direct and reported speech

Please discuss these grammatical features with your children when they are reading and encourage them to check their writing.

### Maths

**Multiplication and division:** Children will deepen their understanding of multiplication and division, learning the strategies to solve long multiplication and division.

**Fractions:** Children will use common factors to find equivalent fractions and to simplify them into their simplest form.

**Maths Fluency:** Children will continue to develop their fluency skills by accessing a range of questions using strategies to solve the four operations.



Daily 10 is a fantastic, free resource that your child can use to practise these skills at home.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

### Topic Overview

This half term we will be delving into the past and exploring what life was like during World War 1 and 2. We will discover how WW1 began; how trench warfare changed how wars were fought; the link between WW1 and WW2 and how WW2 impacted on family life.



Our topic this half term is:

## War of the Worlds

Some brilliant books to read:

- *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo.
- *Horrible Histories Frightful First World War*.
- *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo.
- *Goodnight Mr Tom* by Michelle Magorian.
- *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank.
- *Carrie's War* by Nina Bawden.
- *Horrible Histories 'Woeful Second World War'*.
- *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll.

### Useful Websites

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Britain.html>  
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/world-war-2>  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world\\_war2/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world_war2/)  
<https://www.iwm.org.uk/>

### How can I develop my understanding of this topic further?

- ◆ **Music:** compose and record a piece of music to represent the war. Think carefully about the dynamics, rhythms and structure of your piece. You do not need to use actual instruments, think carefully about objects you have at home which could represent the sounds you want to create. Alternatively you could consider using a music app.
- ◆ **Art/DT:** make a 3D shoebox model of a scene of No-Man's Land during WW1. Your scene could include soldiers and trenches or the conditions the soldiers were living in.
- ◆ **Science/DT:** applying your knowledge of how light travels in science, make a periscope. You can use this website below to help you: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ra1HmKMxMGY>
- ◆ **History:** create a video about the important events that led to the outbreak of WW1 and how these eventually led on to WW2.
- ◆ **Invention Key/DT:** invent and design a product which could be used to save lives during a war. Draw and design your product using annotations and explain how it works.