



Fairview Community Primary School
Termly Newsletter
Year 6 - Term 1

At Fairview, our school values underpin everything we do and are core to the ethos of our school. Our aim is to develop a community of **responsible** learners who not only demonstrate **collaboration** and **perseverance** in their work, but who also show **kindness**, **respect** and **honesty** towards one another.

A very warm welcome back to a new academic year from everyone on the Year 6 team! We hope you had a lovely summer break! We are really looking forward to the forthcoming year because of all the fantastic learning and experiences we have planned for the children. We hope they have settled in well and are looking forward to the year ahead!

Mr. Harris Mrs. Powell Mr. Rickersey

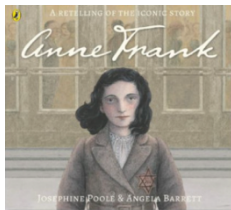
Our critical enquiry questions this term are:

Why did Britain go to war in 1939?

What impact did WW2 have on life in Britain and Medway?

English

Our first writing unit begins with the children discovering a package in class containing a red-chequered diary called Kitty and responding to a video of Otto Frank. As the sequence of learning progresses, they will learn about Anne and her family's life. They will have opportunities to write extended diaries. The final pieces of extended writing will be an obituary, a newspaper report and an opinion piece. Children can then have fun publishing their own newspapers! Our writing will be inspired by the book "Anne Frank" by Josephine Poole.



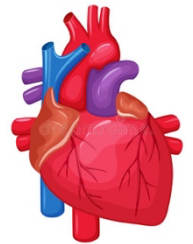
Maths

In maths, our focus will be predominately on number. This includes not only understanding concepts but also being able to apply them. We will cover place value up to 10,000,000, rounding, comparing, ordering, mental calculations, a variety of methods for multiplying and dividing (including remainders) up to four-digit numbers by two-digit numbers, estimating and negative numbers.



Science

Science will involve us looking at the human body, where we will be naming and identifying parts of the circulatory system; particularly focusing on the functions of the heart, how the heart works, the functions of the lungs and how oxygen is transported around our bodies. We will also be looking at how diet and exercise can impact our circulatory system. An exciting VR workshop is planned for Term 1 to support our learning!



History

The focus for our first two terms is World War II, where we will be exploring why the war began in 1939, evacuation and the roles of men and women during the war. We will also be exploring local history to see what impact the war had on Medway. A visit to The Royal Engineers Museum in Term 2 is currently being planned to support our learning on this topic (details will be sent to you soon!).



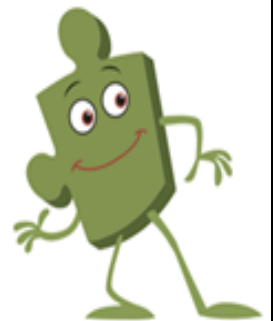
Computing

This term our focus is on E-Safety where we will find similarities and differences between bullying and cyberbullying and identify good strategies to deal with cyberbullying as well as applying e-safety knowledge to online activities.



PSHE

This term in PSHE, the learning is 'Being Me in the World', where we start by identifying and discussing our goals for the year ahead. We will also explore and understand our fears and worries about the future and learn how to express them before concluding with an understanding of how democracy and having a voice benefits the school community.



RE

This term in RE, we will be exploring the enquiry question "Why does religion look different around the world?". We will be exploring similarities and differences between religions as well as how people may interpret and express their beliefs in different ways.

PE

For P.E. this term, we will be focusing on hockey in outdoor PE and gymnastics in indoor PE.

Art & Design

This term's project, entitled "Craft and Design" is a photography project, where we will be exploring techniques such as photomontage, macrophotography, digital art and photo-realistic self-portraits. It promises to be an exciting and engaging topic which we think the children will thoroughly enjoy!

PE timetable:

Crocodiles – Monday & Tuesday (even weeks)
Wednesday (odd weeks – PPA)

Elephants – Tuesday & Wednesday (even weeks)
Wednesday (odd weeks – PPA)

Zebras – Monday & Wednesday (even weeks)
Wednesday (odd weeks – PPA)

Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate PE kit on these days, which includes:

- Navy plain joggers/shorts/skort/leggings with a plain house-coloured t-shirt and navy plain sweatshirt/hoodie (no skins, branded clothing or football shirts).
- Trainers are only to be worn on PE days.

Library timetable:

Crocodiles – Tuesday

Elephants – Thursday

Zebras – Friday

Please ensure your child has their library book in school with them on these days.



FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR CURRICULUM



Recommended Reads:

The link below will take you to a list of recommended reads for Year 6 children – there are some fantastic books on the list your child may enjoy reading!

If your child is reading something they are really enjoying at the moment, we would love them to share their own recommendations with the class!

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-6-pupils-ks2-age-10-11/>