

English

This term the children will further develop their writing skills by building on their learning from year 5. Firstly, we will look at traditional fairy tales and identify themes in settings and characters. We will then see how authors have manipulated this format to create modern fairy stories. Our task will be to create our own modern fairy tale following these examples. In the second part of the half term, we will find out about the pilots known as the 'Tuskegee Airmen' and write a biographical piece about their achievements.

Weekly lessons in grammar and reading linked to our topic will also take place.

It is very important that reading takes place every night at home for at least 30 minutes so that children improve their comprehension skills and increase their vocabulary.

Maths

Maths will include revision as well as building on topics from previous years. These are:

- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Word problems
- Properties of number (factors, multiples, place value).

Make sure your child is practising multiplication and division facts regularly at home.

Science

Our science topic is the human heart and circulatory system. We will learn the names and functions of the main parts of the circulatory system and be able to identify and label them on a diagram. We will understand how the body transports and uses water and nutrition, then look at the effects of drugs and alcohol on these systems. We will understand how a balanced diet combined with exercise can keep us healthy, and carry out practical investigations into the effects of exercise on our bodies.



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Topic

Our topic for this term is a history based one on World War Two.

We will be exploring the main reasons for the rise of the National Socialist Party in Germany and the outbreak of war. We will create a timeline of key events before and during the war and identify the participants and their allies. We will study the role of propaganda in wartime and find out who it was aimed at and how it worked. We will examine the events of the Battle of Britain to find out why it was a major turning point in the war.

Our geography work will focus on identifying the countries that took part in the war, locating them in an atlas and labelling them on a map. We will also use maps to find out why the terrain and location of certain areas made them suitable for specific activities such as aerodromes or landings.

In Design and Technology, we will be looking at fighter planes and identifying the features that make them successful, then utilising this knowledge to plan, build then evaluate our own.

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What part did Britain play in WW2 both home and abroad?

Enrichment: Class Assemblies (Grasshopper 25-9-20 Hellebore 9-10-20)

PE: Monday (Grasshopper) and Wednesday (Hellebore)

Homework: given out on Friday, returned on Tuesday

RE

This term the children will be studying Judaism. They will look at the history of Judaism and find out about Jewish festivals. We will also be celebrating Harvest Festival in school (2-10-20).

PSHE

We will be discussing mental well-being and where to go for support when coping with problems. We will also be celebrating Black History Month during October.

French

The children will be revising greetings, talking about siblings and describing people.

Suggested books to read

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr

Carrie's war by Nina Bawden

Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian

The Emergency Zoo by Miriam Halahmy

Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll

World War II: Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness series (non-fiction)

Suggested places to visit

You could explore the continuing influence of war at the Imperial War Museum in Lambeth, or visit the Churchill War Rooms in Westminster.

Suggested websites to visit

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-children-of-ww2/zm7wpg8>