

St John's Walham Green C of E Primary School

Year Group: 6 Term: Spring Class Teachers: Miss Middleton and Mr Stock Date: January 2010

Our topic this half term is World War 1

Reading: This year there will be a range of opportunities for children to read aloud in class across the curriculum. Children are expected to read every day for 20 minutes, and they are also responsible for writing entries in their reading record themselves. These will be checked daily so it is essential that your child gets into the habit of bringing their reading folder with reading book and reading record every day - even if they are a free reader.

Spelling and Homework: Homework will be set most evenings and recorded on the specific homework pages in the children's reading records. Homework will often be completed into draft books and will contribute to class work. In preparation for next year we expect the children to keep up to date with their homework and complete work to a high standard. Spellings will be sent home on a Monday in preparation for a test later in the week: 6M on a Friday and 6S on a Thursday.

Maths: Maths will be streamed across the year, though groups will be flexible and changed according to needs. We will aim to recap all key topics taught in KS2, exposing the children to SATS style questions related to these topics. Once a week, we will have a focus on a specific area of arithmetic, which will often be influenced by homework.

English: In Literacy, we will continue our work on the book 'Stay where you are then leave' before moving onto a non-fiction book on Earnest Shackleton and his journey to Antarctica. Where possible, we will be linking our topic focus with our literacy work.

Science: In the first half term, we will be learning about the Human Body and move onto learning about Light into the second half term. We will be focussing on furthering the children's reasoning skills and ability to form more complex questions.

Computing: In Computing we will be revising and learning how to use formulas in Excel. We will also be learning about Search Engines, particularly how reliable and trustworthy they are and how to use judgement to decide if a website is safe to use. The eSafety curriculum will be embedded into teaching across the year.

Art/DT: We will be doing some Topic based artwork using silhouettes to form mood pieces and Science based DT work on structures and pulleys.

History/ Geography: We will continue to learn about World War 1 and will complete some geographical lessons to understand how World War 1 impacted on the local area. This will focus on furthering the student's ability to draw conclusions based on historical evidence.

PSHE: As the term progresses, we will be looking at emotional intelligence and mindfulness in preparation for SATS and Secondary School.

PE: This year, your child will have PE on Wednesday and Friday (6M) and Thursday and Friday (6S). Your child will go home in their PE kit on a Friday afternoon; PE kits will need to be washed and returned to school in time for their next PE lesson.

Music: In Music the children will be using Ravel's Boléro as a basis for studying ostinato, texture and chordal harmony in music, and will be learning various Aztec drumming sequences.

French: The children will have French with our French teacher, Madame Veloso, on Fridays.

School Trips: We are currently waiting for confirmation of dates for trips, and more information will be sent out as soon as we have it.

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Mrs Wightwick