

# Curriculum letter Year 6

## Autumn 1—2023



**Maths**— In maths this half term, we will be working on securing place value knowledge and applying this to problems involving the four operations. Times table knowledge will continue to be a focus weekly. The children will also complete a weekly arithmetic paper.

Our **enquiry question** for this term is:

**'How many different ways can one story be told?'**

This is a history led focus where we will be studying the causes of World War One and the impact it had on our local area. As part of this unit, we will be thinking about historical bias and how different sources can show different interpretations of the same event. Along the way, the children will be examining different primary sources such as letters and diaries and thinking about the view point these sources establish.



Through our historical enquiry, we will also be looking at what life was like in the trenches and this will be enhanced by our Virtual Reality experience coming up in Autumn term 2! The children will learn about the diet of a WW1 soldier and what rations they were given in the trenches to survive. As part of design and technology, the children will be recreating and then designing an authentic WW1 meal.

CALSHOT (20th-24th November) – we are very excited to be putting the finishing touches to our Calshot residential. Please keep your eyes peeled for an invite to an information evening about the week.

**Homework** will be set on a Thursday and expected in the following Tuesday. We will send a message on Seesaw each week so parents know which pages the children are expected to complete that week. Each week there will be a SPaG task and a maths task. The children will also be expected to practice their reading, times tables and spellings. There will be a spelling test every Friday.

### English/ Reading

In English, we are using our class text 'War Horse' as a stimulus for our writing. The children will be producing persuasive recruitment leaflets to encourage animal owners to help the war effort, letters from the trenches and a 1st person narrative from the point of view of a character from the book. They will be developing their skills by using a wide range of punctuation and sentence types to support their writing. Alongside this, we will continue to learn rules for spellings and increase their understanding of grammatical terminology.

All classes will have P.E on Mondays and Fridays.

Year 6 will have 'Outdoor learning' on Wednesdays; please ensure your children have suitable outdoor clothing (i.e. an extra jumper, waterproof shoes and waterproof jacket).

**Music** - This term, our music unit will be an enquiry into the roles of music in times of conflict (focussing on World War I). We will listen to patriotic music, war songs, drum calls and other music written and performed around times of conflict. We will then explore the purpose, intention and audience of the music. Using a mixture of tuned and un-tuned percussion as well as ukuleles, we will rehearse war-time songs and drumming commands.