

St Mary's CE Primary School - Year 6 Autumn Term 1 2023

English: Reading – During this half term, our class guided reading text will be **War Horse** by **Michael Morpurgo**. We will be developing our reading skills (such as skimming, scanning, interpreting and deducing) through studying this text. We will also be reading a range of other non-fiction/fiction texts and poetry.

Writing, Punctuation and Grammar – Throughout the term, we will be covering a range of writing genres; from WWI letters from the trenches and poetry, to narratives and information booklets. We will cover grammar and punctuation learning within the context of these writing genres. We will follow **'The Write Stuff Writing Rainbow'** to aid our learning.

Spelling - We will be recapping spelling patterns learned throughout Year 5 whilst moving on through the **Read, Write, Inc spelling scheme** for Year 6, with a particular focus on suffixes. We will be continuing to learn the statutory spellings for Years 5 and 6.

Topic: This half term, we will be historians and will be learning about the **First World War**.

We will be studying the outbreak of war and the impact it had on countries worldwide, as well as the closer impact it had at home here in Chiddingfold and Surrey. We will be looking at what life was like in the trenches. We will also focus on the importance of Remembrance Day (at the beginning of next half term).

We will be engaging in a VR headset workshop which will 'take us' virtually into the trenches and we will be holding a World War One day where we will make our own 'trenches' and do some WW1 baking!

Mathematics: This half term, we will be focusing on the following areas in mathematics:

- **Number and place value**
- **Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.**

We will also be developing our arithmetic skills.



'In the Trenches' World War 1



PSHE: During this half term, we will focus on **'Being Me in My World'**. We will discuss our targets and hopes for the year ahead and learn about the rights of children worldwide. We will think about how our behaviour affects us and others around us.

RE: We will be learning about the **Holy Trinity** - how God is seen as One but can also be experienced in three different Persons.

PE: In **outdoor PE**, we will be developing our **tennis** skills. In **indoor P.E**, we will be focusing on the unit of **'Movement'** in gymnastics.

French: This term we will be focusing on learning vocabulary associated with **A L'École (school)**, and use this to engage in conversations about activities done at school.

Computing: We will start the term with a focus on **E-safety**. We will then be learning about how to use a computer to **design and make a 3D model**.

Music: We will be using the 'Charanga' scheme of work and will be exploring the unit **'Happy'**. We will learn and sing songs with a message of happiness; use musical notation and add percussion instruments to our performances.

Art: As artists, we will be exploring how **2-dimensional drawings can be transformed into 3-dimensional**. We will look at various techniques associated with sculpture and graphic design to help us create our work. We will also produce some WW1 inspired art work, such as painting in the style of John Nash as well as creating charcoal sketches of the trenches.

Science: As scientists, we will be exploring the topic of **light**. The children will be learning about the sources of light, the creation of shadows, reflection and refraction, as well as how we see colour. We will make periscopes linked to our learning about WW1.

Our values:

Hope

Community

Respect

Wisdom