



# WORLD WAR 2

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Welcome back!

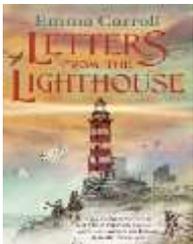
I hope you had a lovely summer and have had a well-deserved rest.

I am looking forward to getting stuck in with our first topic and cannot wait to see you all settle in to being the top of the school. Y6 will not be easy, in fact, it will be challenging at times but I will be with you every step of the way and I have no doubt you will all flourish in everything you put your mind to.



Our first topic of the year is WW2. This theme will be taught through various subject areas including: English, Art/DT, History, Geography and Music. Throughout this topic, the children will have opportunities to explore a range of people and events that were key at the time of WW2.

### Books:



Throughout our English lessons, we will be reading a range of novels related to the topic but first we will be reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. This historical mystery set in WW2, is told from the perspective of a young girl and her siblings. With bomb raids, a missing sister and being evacuated to the countryside, the main character must solve the mystery of a coded note.

### English:

During English, Y6 will be learning to plan, draft and write in a variety of different genres. On occasions, the writing will be linked to the class story and sometimes it will be linked to the topic itself. In the first term, we aim to write: an evacuation guide, a balanced argument, a newspaper report, a poem, a biography and an explanation text. The Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar taught each week will be integrated into each writing task.

### Maths:

In the first two terms, we will be covering three mathematical areas: Place Value, Four Operations and Fractions. These units will teach the children to:

- Read, write, compare, order and round any numbers to 10 million.
- Add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits.
- Multiply and divide by 1 and 2 digits.

- Find equivalent fractions
- Simplify fractions
- Compare, order, add, subtract multiply and divide fractions.
- Find fractions of an amount.

Every day we will be completing TT Rockstars. We will work on a times table or a group of tables each week, aiming to recall numbers facts with speed and accuracy.

### **Science:**

Science will be taught weekly once a term. These lessons will be taught during English lessons and some afternoons. Over the two terms, we will cover Light and Electricity. These units will involve lots of investigating, explaining, recognising, creating and planning through a range of activities and tasks. The children will learn to write up their experiments using key scientific vocabulary learnt throughout the week. The children will also have opportunities to read and watch videos from experts that will show the Science they are learning outside the classroom in real life situations. When appropriate, the WW2 topic will be integrated into the lessons to provide the lessons with a further context.



### **Topic:**

Our Topic (Geography and History) lessons will be where we delve deeper into the WW2 topic. We will be using the internet and atlases to locate the countries linked to the theme, we will find out more about the impact of food and economic trades during WW2 and we will use a timeline to understand the chronology of key people and events. We will also try to find out more about the impact of WW2 on our local area.

### **Spanish:**

This year the children will be learning Spanish. We will begin by learning basic greetings and questions, as well as numbers, before moving on to learn the colours and common commands. Learning will be enriched by our new Spanish scheme, which provides relevant themed stories to read alongside our learning.

### **Art/DT:**

Throughout the term, the children will have the opportunities to take part in a variety of creative tasks. These activities will include sketching, collaging, painting, 3D models, cooking etc. Each project will aim to improve their Art and DT skills and allow them to apply them to different contexts.



### **SATS:**

As we all know, Y6 will be sitting the 2022 SATS papers in May next year. In preparation for this, the children will be taking the tests at the beginning and the end of every term until then. There is no expectations for the children to be passing these

papers at the beginning of the year but the aim of this structure is to measure how much progress they are making throughout the term. Each mark they improve by on each paper is a square on a graph displayed in the classroom. This is not a competition but a way to allow the children to be aware and take control of their learning.

**Home Learning:**

In preparation for Secondary, I will be setting homework each week. This will be completed through Google Classroom, which the children will be using in school. Homework will be set on Monday and will need to be in on the Friday of that week. Marking and feedback will be given via Google Classroom. Home Learning will also involve daily reading, times table practise and learning spellings as before. Homework will begin once I have had the chance to assess the children. I will inform you of this closer to the time.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss something, please message me on Dojo or by emailing [jgroves@stmcep.school](mailto:jgroves@stmcep.school).

*Miss Groves*