

# Sutton Park Community Primary School

## Topic Web - Year 6



PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure your child has their named PE kit in school.

# War Horse and World War One

## Topic Rationale

Having spent time during the transition day with my new class discussing their ideas for our new curriculum it became apparent that the children wanted to study war. The children were excited by the thought of creating an end event. We have chosen WWI as it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war this year and is therefore topical. We will work towards the end event being the re-enactment to consider values such as friendship and team work to relate to our Thrive objectives. We will also be using War Horse as our main text this term to provide extensive reading and writing opportunities.

## English

We will begin the term by looking at several stories from the early nineteenth century. This will provide the children with an excellent stimulus for our characterisation writing. We will then further this by using a fictional text based on real life events called 'War Horse', to stimulate the children's imaginations to use literacy skills such as adjectives and connectives in their writing. This text set in war time will provide the children with excellent extended writing opportunities in genres of writing such as:

- Diary entries
- Recount
- Newspaper reports
- Narrative
- Letters

Guided reading will take on a more verbal form, with lots of group discussion around a variety of texts linked to the topic.

## Science

On arrival back from their summer holidays, the children will be assessed in Science. This assessment will be analysed and areas which need revisiting in Year Six will now be covered over the autumn term. Key areas include:

- Electricity – Investigating circuits.
- Light and how it travels (Link to WW1 trenches)
- Lifecycles.

## PE

As part of the topic, pupils will learn and experience war time dance from World War One.

In games, children will learn the basic skills of football, building towards playing small sided competitive games at the end of term.

Pupils will also take part in indoor athletic sessions, working towards a competition held in October.

## PSHE/RE/Thrive

In R.E, pupils will investigate whether it is better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity.

Weekly Thrive sessions will promote positive well being and mental health throughout the class. We will also be visiting Ludlow racecourse as part of our topic to ensure we meet members and build relationships with the wider community.

## Art/D and T

Children will use the topic of World War One to complete many mini art projects including: junk modelling to create Zeppelins, drawings based on War Horse and even some real life trench art as created by World War One soldiers!

## Maths

In Maths, pupils will begin by looking at the four main operations within number. We will then look at:

- Area – Linked to WW1
- Fractions of Shapes/numbers (Equivalent)
- 2D shape review
- Properties of triangle Identifying/measuring angles
- Mass/capacity
- multiplication tables

Mental Maths lessons will also be taught twice weekly, working on arithmetic and developing our quick recall of number facts and times tables.

## Music

Children will begin by learning the basics of how to play a ukulele. They will have the opportunity to play on their own as well as in a group. In addition, pupils will learn a variety of songs and dance from World War One including "It's a long way to Tipperary". We will also learn some German songs that were sung in the trenches.