

Great Waltham C of E Primary School



Class North America Curriculum overview Spring Term, 2024 (please note planning can be subject to change)

English

In our English lessons we will be studying the text *Carrie's War* by Nina Bawden. From this text we will be thinking about writing reflectively from a character's point of view.

We will move onto study the *Diary of Anne Frank*. This will be the stimulus for writing our own version of Anne's diary and letters that she wrote at the time.

We will continue to have weekly reading comprehension sessions and grammar punctuation and spelling. Topics we will focus on are- clauses, word classes, advanced punctuation types and active voice.

Year 6 will also complete revision tasks in preparation for the SATs in May.

Geography

As part of our topic on World War II, we will identify the countries of the Allies and the Axis on a world map. In addition to this, we will be learning about our European neighbours.

History – World War 2

Topics that we will look at are-how the war began, the Blitz, evacuees, air raids and air raid shelters, rationing, experiences of Jewish children during the war and Jewish prisoner of war camps and to consider how the war affected people's everyday lives.

RE

Our RE lessons are based on the new Essex Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education. The syllabus promotes a multi-disciplinary study of religion and worldviews, developing children's knowledge and curiosity about the world in which they live. Year 5 are considering the question; How has belief in Christianity and Islam impacted on music and art throughout history? Year 6 are thinking about What does it mean to be human? Is being happy the greatest purpose in life?

Computing

Using technology –The children will use the computers to communicate and present their learning from across the curriculum.

Research – The children will use the computers and iPads to research other areas of the curriculum.

Online safety- Online Relationships/Online Bullying -The children will continue to revisit and build on their understanding of how to stay safe when working or playing online.

In our weekly lessons we will continuing with webpage designing and then learning about Variables in games.

Science

Y6- we will finish our work on evolution and then begin out topic on how we see. We will be thinking about reflection and refraction. We will then learn about how a prism changes a ray of light to show the spectrum.. We will conclude our work with light enables us to see colours .

(Yr 5 with Miss Bailey)

Forces followed by Living Things and Their Habitats.

Mathematics

Children will continue to develop their mathematical understanding in regular mathematics lessons.

Our programme of study will include the following:

- Decimals, fractions and percentage.
- Ratio
- Perimeter and area
- Volume
- Measures
- 2d and 3d shapes

The pitch and pace of the work will be sensitive to the needs and rate of learning of all the children in class.

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ART/DT

ART - Pencil and sketching skills - WW2 aircraft

DT – Focus: Joining and shaping fabric - upcycling a T- shirt

Music English
National Opera project

PE

Spring 1 Netball/Dance
Spring 2 Gymnastics/Tennis

PE will be twice a week on a Monday and Wednesday . On these days, pupils will need to wear their PE kit to school. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school on those days.

MFL

French -Rigolo with Miss Bailey

PSHE/RSE

This will be taught through three main themes- Health and Well-being, Relationships and Living in the Wider World.

Lifelong Learning Values – Perseverance and Integrity

Growth Mindset – this recognises that everyone's intellectual ability can always be further developed and helps the children to take on a positive approach to new challenges.

All subjects/lessons will be adapted sensitively to match individual /group needs.