

Year 6 Curriculum Update

26th May 2023

Values: Happiness and Determination

The last few weeks have been incredibly busy and the children have shown how adaptive and determined they can be in terms of expectations and workload. These skills will continue to be needed during their last half-term and I am confident that they will all make the most of the opportunities that they will be given during the next few weeks.

“Wars of the World”

As historians, the children have used a range of different skills to reflect on the causes and effects of war. They have looked at the key events of the first and second world wars, using both primary and secondary sources and have shown that they can clearly identify the difference between the two forms of evidence. It was lovely to see the way the children engaged with this topic and I would like to thank those children who brought items in from home to share with the class.

During this last week before half-term, the class have considered the impact of war today and many of the children showed a very good awareness of current conflicts around the world. As a class, we briefly looked at the ten most dangerous places in the world to be a child today and then located these places on maps, identifying common causes and issues.



Science

As part of our “Wars of the World” theme, we started to think about light and how it travels. We discussed the language associated with light and how we see and will be coming back to this area of science in a few weeks time to carry out some experiments and to investigate how rainbows are formed.

Our science work at the beginning of next half-term though will be related to “Adaptation and Interdependence”, which will involve the children finding out more about the theory of evolution and looking specifically at how all living things have adapted, the work of Charles Darwin, and the importance of conservation work. Our visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park will enable the children to learn more about this in an engaging and “real” context.

Visiting the Hay Festival

Our visit to the **Hay Festival** was definitely a highlight of the year: it was great fun, extremely inspiring and a day that I am sure that the children will remember for a long time to come. Meeting S F Said, was particularly memorable and I know that some of the children have already started to read his other books and those of one of the authors that we were lucky enough to see, Abi Elphinstone. Hopefully, the children will be putting some of the tips they were given to good use in their own writing in the coming weeks.



Forest School

Linked to our work in science, the children had a wonderful session with Miss Hirst and Mrs Chapman making clay pots, which they then filled with natural materials to create small lights.

Next half-term, they will have the opportunity to see if the materials they chose will hold their light. Fingers crossed!



Transition to High School

Over the next few weeks, we will be discussing some of the concerns and questions the children have regarding their transition to High School during our PSHE sessions.

All of the children are due to attend their new school on 6th July, whilst others, depending on where they are going, may have the opportunity to visit for additional dates and I would strongly recommend that they take advantage of these.



During the coming weeks, there will be also be additional information regarding the arrangements and plans to mark the end of term and details regarding the children's legacy project. We will do our utmost to ensure that the whole class have the best possible end to their time at Madley, however, it is important that the children know that our expectations regarding behaviour, attitude and values will remain the same right up until their last day in school.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the office, if you have any queries or questions that we can help you with.

*Kind regards,
Mrs Lacey and Miss Hirst*

Dates for the diary

Thurs 15 th June	- Cotswold Wildlife Park
Wed 21 st June	- Forest School
Fri 30 th June	- Extra visit for Fairfield pupils
Mon 3 rd July	- Online Safety Session
Thurs 6 th July	- Transition Day for Year 6