

# Year 6 Curriculum Update

25<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Values: Inspiration and Patience

### Wars of the World

As historians, the children have been learning about the causes and impact of different wars, in particular the two World Wars. They have examined and discussed different types of sources and have learnt about the role of the United Nations in maintaining world peace. The children have listened to several short stories written about the impact of war on children's lives across Europe, including the true story of Anne Frank.



### "Celebrating our SATS week"

The children spent a wonderful afternoon in the park to celebrate the last of the national tests on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. They thoroughly deserved the chance to relax and enjoy the warm sunshine after working so hard in the weeks building up to the tests. Many of the children chose to play on the equipment, whilst others took the opportunity to play a rather long game of football or join in a game of tag before tucking into the array of delicious food that many of you had kindly donated.



### Sporting achievements

Many of the class took part in the recent school's rugby tournament, which was held at Ledbury Rugby Club on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The teams played incredibly well and even brought home the cup after not losing a single game. A huge well done to all those involved!



### Art

In Art, the children have been learning the skill of printing: they have learnt how to create a clear stencil using negative and positive impression and are slowly building up to making their own stencil, to reuse for the future.

Some of the class also had the opportunity to develop their weaving skills with Mrs Blaker, whilst the rest of the children were competing in the Ledbury tournament. They created some beautiful, intricate patterns using paper they had painted earlier in the day.



### Open-fire cooking at Forest School

Following on from discussions during science about healthy eating, Miss Hirst set the children the challenge to design a healthy meal that they would be able to cook on an open-fire during a Forest School session.

The children worked in groups to design their menu and then decided who was responsible for bringing which ingredient. Then, on the day, and under the close supervision of Miss Hirst, Mrs Brown and Mrs Chapman, they put their fire-building skills to the test as well as their ability to work as a team.

It was a very successful day although it is questionable as to how many of the groups met the criteria of creating a healthy meal as there was a considerable amount of chocolate sauce and maple syrup involved.



### Dates for the Diary

5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Star Programme with West Mercia Police
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Curriculum visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Celebration (6pm – 7pmish)
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebration Assembly (2.15pm)



*After the half-term holiday, we will be starting a new theme called "Been Around the World", which is a geographical theme that looks at why people move from one part of the world to another and how countries adapt to increases in their population. The unit also considers how animal conservation work is helping endangered animals all around the world and this will be part of our focus during the curriculum visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park in June.*

*During the first week back, we will also be taking part in the STAR Programme, which is facilitated by West Mercia Police. The programme will take place on the Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and actually relates to our previous theme "Go With The Flow" but had to be delayed due to unforeseen circumstances at the time.*

*Finally, arrangements and plans are now underway for the end of year celebrations and I will endeavour to update you as soon as we have more information. For the moment, please make a note of the two dates shown above as these will not change, even if the timing changes slightly.*

*Best wishes*

*Mrs Lacey & the Year 6 Team*