# Year 6: Why did the World go to War? Autumn 1





Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a fabulous summer and are coming back feeling refreshed and ready to go. We cannot wait to see you all continue to develop and succeed in your final year with us!

This year, the children will be exploring the curriculum through hands on and engaging topics - beginning with our topic 'Why did the World go to War?'. The children will be learning about British History and how it has affected us, tolerance of others and the impact this has on others. There will be many opportunities for the children to learn outside of the classroom environment, making the most of our fantastic grounds to expand our learning in. There will be many lightbulb moments this year and we cannot wait to share them with you!

Please remember that your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack for playtime and their water bottles.

We are looking forward to our journey as a year group. If you have any questions or queries about Year 6, please feel free to contact us via the School Office.

**Teachers and support staff in Year 6** 6S: Class teacher – Miss Webster

6P: Class teacher – Miss Mountain & Mrs Williams

Support staff – Mrs Barber and Mr Wahhab

## Dates to remember

2 September 20 September 25 September	
25 October	

School Opens Big Walk Flu Nasal Spray for children School Photographs - individual and family groups Y6 WW2 Day School Closes for Half Term

Homework: Spellings will be sent out on a Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday. Learn by Hearts will be sent out each fortnight and will be tested on Fridays. Reading is to be done at home by all children and recorded in their reading records at least three times a week. TTRockstars is also available for children to access to continue consolidating their times table knowledge.

**PE days:** Children will need to come to school in their PE kits on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. This MUST be the Sandal PE kit, consisting of their house PE t-shirt, black shorts or joggers and a black hoodie. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named. Earrings must not be worn for PE.

### **Outdoor learning days**

**6P** – 19<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup> October **6S** – 26<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> October

### Personal Development

Our whole school themes this term are:

- Root of Learning "Daring to be Different"
- The British Value of Tolerance.

**PSHE:** Our PSHE theme for this half term is 'Being Me in My World. The children will be identifying their goals for the year ahead, understand their rights and responsibilities and how their actions affect others, and how having a voice can help the school community for the better. Over the half term, there will be lots of opportunities to put these skills into practice not only in our PSHE lessons but across the curriculum.

**PE:** In our weekly sessions, we will be creating and developing our dance skills focusing on WW2. With White Rose, we will be building on our knowledge of football. We will be able to develop tactics for both attacking and defending and apply these successfully within their team.

#### <u>Our World</u>

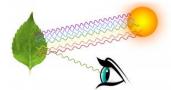
**History:** As part of our 'Why did the World go to War?' topic, Year 6 will be learning all about World War II, with a focus on how the war impacted Britain and the British people. This will include looking at the evacuation, the Blitzkrieg and the Battle of Britain.



**RE:** This half term, the children will be investigating the focus question: How do Sikhs show commitment? We will focus on symbols and values linked to Sikhism and rites of passage and what we can learn from Sikh beliefs.

#### **STEM**

**Science:** Our first science topic in Year 6 is light. By the end of the half term, the children will understand how light travels in a straight line; how refraction changes the direction of light and how light enables us to see colours. Throughout this topic, the children will continue to build on their working scientifically skills by planning and conducting their own investigations and forming further research questions from their findings.



**Computing:** The first focus of computing is E-safety where the children will begin to learn about the importance of a balanced lifestyle with respect to technology use, the importance of a positive digital footprint. The second focus will be on coding and using different functions within this.

**Maths:** This half term, the children will build on their place value knowledge of numbers up to 10,000,000 through reading, writing, ordering, comparing and rounding any given number. In addition to this, the children will be continuing to secure their understanding of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), with the additional skill of dividing numbers with up to 4 digits by 2 digit numbers. Please see the attached calculation policy to support your child at home.

#### Language and Communication

**Speaking:** Throughout the curriculum, speaking and listening will be encouraged through drama, debates, news, poetry and outdoor learning sessions.

Writing: Our focussed text for this half term is 'The Lion and the Unicorn' by Shirley Hughes. The children will be using the story, in conjunction with History, to write their own setting descriptions of a night during The Blitz. The children will focus on varied sentence structures and appropriate vocabulary choice.

**Reading:** The children will be reading a range of different texts including; fiction, non-fiction and poetry. They will be covering the following skills: Vocabulary, Inference, Predict, Explain, Retrieval and Summarise.

**Spelling**: During spelling lessons, the children will be focusing on the Year 5/6 common exception words).

**Spanish:** In Spanish this half term, the children will be revisiting the topics they have previously covered in Year 5 to re-familiarise themselves with the language. This will include: fruits, their likes and dislikes, 'encanto' and body parts.

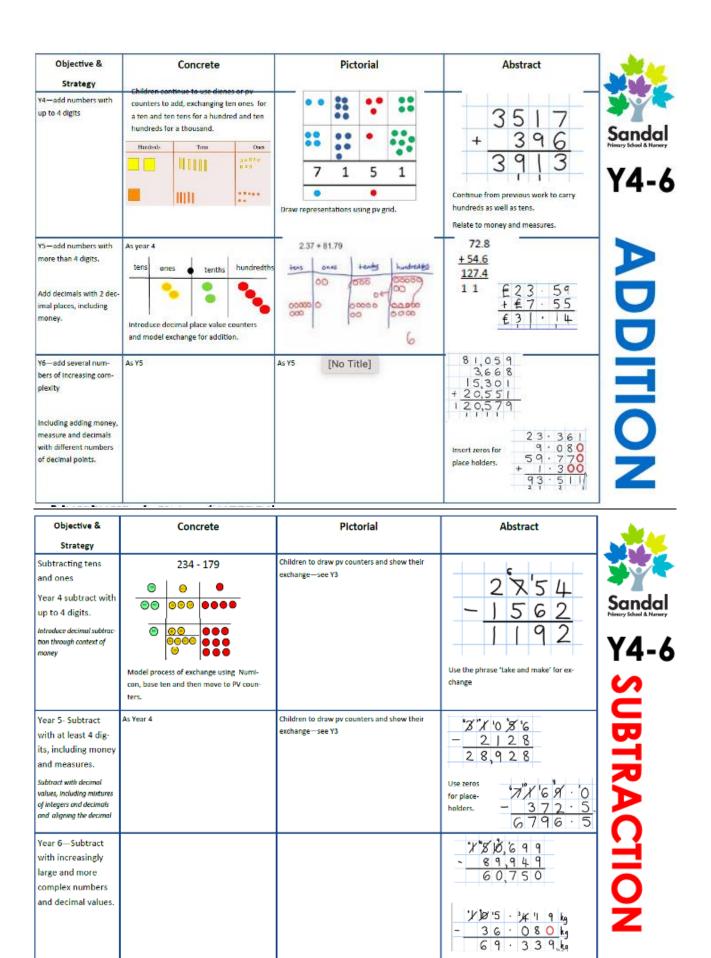
#### The Arts

**Art:** Our art topic this half term focuses on the children developing their drawing skills. They will learn about one-point perspective, sillhouettes and creating illusions. They will also learn about a War-time artist: Henry Moore.

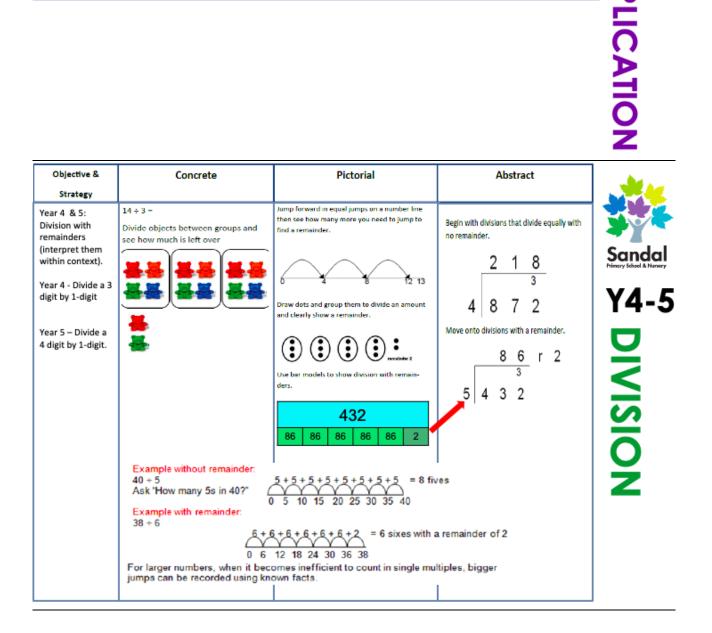
**Music:** 6P will focus 'Songs of WW2'. Children will develop greater accuracy in pitch and control, will be able to identify pitches within an octave and use knowledge of pitch when singing in parts.

6S will have whole class instrumental lessons on the Ukulele in which they learn the basics of how to hold and play the ukulele, strum and pluck open string patterns rhythmically and in time. They will learn to play the first chords C and F and change between them with confidence.





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## Common Exception Words Year 6

The children will focus on a different set of common exception words each half term. They will also be part of the weekly spelling test.

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	<mark>interfere</mark>	relevant	nuisance	system	conscious	all Year 5/6
	<mark>interrupt</mark>	restaurant	appreciate	temperature	competition	CEW
	<mark>language</mark>	signature	accommodate	thorough	definite	
	<mark>leisure</mark>	sincere	opportunity	committee	convenience	
	<mark>lightning</mark>	immediately	parliament	environment	desperate	
	<mark>marvellous</mark>	soldier	persuade	government	disastrous	
	<mark>mischievous</mark>	stomach	physical	communicate	especially	
	<mark>muscle</mark>	sufficient	prejudice	accommodate	equipment	
	<mark>necessary</mark>	suggest	privilege	embarrass	foreign	
		twelfth	profession	rhyme	familiar	
		variety	programme	rhythm	frequently	
		vegetable	pronunciation	sacrifice	government	
		vehicle	queue	secretary	guarantee	
		yacht	recognise	shoulder	immediate	