



During this half term our enquiry is:

Is it ever right to fight?

Subject	Activities / areas to be covered in school	Possible learning at home
English	<p>In English, we will be looking at a variety of short stories from the book 'Jet the Rescue Dog' by David Long which retells the real life story of animal war heroes. Through these stories, we will be exploring author's choice of language and focusing on making inferences about characters. The children will explore unfamiliar vocabulary and learn how to work out the meaning of words using a variety of strategies. In addition, the children will practise their summarising and sequencing skills. Later on in the term, the children will be using visual literacy to recreate the story of the 'Christmas Truce'. We will be focusing on using a range of sentence structures and new punctuation in Year 6.</p>	<p>Read widely and often at home. Use ReadingPlus and Spelling Shed.</p> <p>Do you have a favourite story about an animal?</p> <p>Could you retell the story from the perspective of the animal?</p>
Maths	<p>This half term, we will be continuing to work on our Fractions module, learning how to apply all four operations to fractions. We will then move onto decimals, identifying their connection to fractions. We will be working with decimals up to 3 decimal places and be practising multiplying and dividing with them. We will conclude the half term with a geometry unit by learning how to read and write coordinates and translate and reflect points within the four quadrants.</p> <p>Throughout the half term, the children will have the opportunity to reason and solve problems in a range of contexts.</p>	<p>Please continue to practise times tables. 'Hit the Button' is a good website to do this on! You can also work on other key fluency skills using this website too.</p>
Science	<p>This half term in Science, we will be applying the knowledge we have learnt about electricity both in electrical powered cars and Christmas lights</p>	<p>Are you planning to use any electrical decorations for Christmas? Do you know anyone who will be?</p> <p>Do you know how they work?</p> <p>Can you find inspiration for the challenge?</p>

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Physical Education	<p>This half term, Year 6 will be practising their gymnastics skills and learning to play basketball. Children's PE days are Monday and Thursday and they will need to ensure that they have their kit in school on these days.</p> <p>On a Monday afternoon, all of year 6 will be working indoors with Miss Boyd.</p> <p>On a Thursday afternoon, they will be outdoors in the MUGA, so please make sure you have warm and waterproof clothing as the weather becomes colder.</p>	<p>Can you use some of the vocabulary you have been learning within gymnastics and maybe even practise some of the balances and positions – if you have room?</p> <p>In basketball, you may want to research some of the famous basketball players and look at how they persevered to go on to achieve great things.</p>
Computing	<p>This half term, we will be using Scratch to animate a scene, broadcast a message and sequence a story. Children will be building upon their skills from previous years using Scratch and becoming more independent with the program.</p>	<p>Can you make an animation using another platform?</p>
PSHCE	<p>In PSHE lessons this half term, we will be building on our learning from last half term, as we will be considering how we keep ourselves mentally healthy to complement what we already know about keeping physically healthy. We will also be actively taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, which occurs during the week beginning on 16th November. We are enjoying starting each week of with a circle time session, as this is a good way to discuss any emerging issues and really cement us as a class community too.</p>	<p>You could discuss what helps you to stay positive at home and school and try out some of the ideas that we will be discussing in school.</p>
Digital Literacy (Online Safety)	<p>We will be looking at how to create and maintain a healthy relationship online as well as how to seek support and help if you become uncomfortable with any aspect.</p>	<p>Apply learning at home if/when you are interacting with others online.</p>
DT	<p>In DT we are looking at how to build and power model cars. We will be comparing and contrasting wind power and electric and looking at how the design improves performance.</p>	<p>Look at the shape of different vehicles. Which are built for speed? What do they have in common? How can we use this in our own work as designers?</p>
Music	<p>We will be listening to a range of Classical music that evokes tension and exploring how composers have selected instruments and made choices linked to specific musical elements in order to create this effect within their music.</p>	<p>Can you verbalise how different styles of music make you feel? Can you identify any of the instruments that you can hear or techniques that are used within the music?</p>

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	<p>We will then be applying our knowledge to create our own pieces of music that also create tension, linked to our war topic.</p>	
History & Geography	<p>The subject of history as well as some elements of geography are the key drivers for this topic.</p> <p>We will be exploring a timeline of conflicts but specifically focusing on World War One and World War Two. We will build up our understanding of the causes of these major conflicts and look at the impact they had on different groups of people.</p> <p>We will be looking at similarities and differences between the wars and learning how technology advanced. We will be gleaning information from maps, including the North east of England, to explore why specific places were targeted during wars and how the geography linked to their purpose.</p> <p>Throughout the topic, we will repeatedly return to our enquiry question and consider what our personal opinion is based on the new learning that we acquire. We will be explaining, reasoning and debating, developing our speaking and listening skills.</p>	<p>Do you know anyone who was involved who could share their memories with you?</p> <p>Have you got any books at home that you could research about WW1 / WW2?</p>