

Arthur Bugler Primary School **Parent Information Booklet**



Year 6

Autumn Term
2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another busy, exciting and challenging year at Arthur Bugler Primary School. As the children move into the most important phase of their education thus far, we would like to make this transition as smooth and as comfortable as possible. This information booklet has been put together to keep all parents and carers fully informed of what their children will experience this term.

In English, Year 6 will be focussing on several texts which the children will read in class during their reading sessions including the novels 'Letters From the Lighthouse' and 'Room 13'. We will be basing the word, sentence and text level activities around these texts as well as a variety of non-fiction during the daily English lessons. Genres of study will also include diaries, reports, narrative and information texts based on World War 2 and the heart and blood systems. Children will also be studying a range of age-related spelling patterns and rules as well as rules for grammar and punctuation.

The daily Maths lesson begins with mental starter activities that will focus on counting on and back in 6s, 7s and 8s and instant recall of all multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. In the main part of the lesson, we will be concentrating on number and calculations before moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages, measurement and begin to learn basic algebra. As the term progresses we will focus on other aspects involving mathematical reasoning including ratio, geometry and consolidating our knowledge of the four operations; multiplication, division, addition and subtraction through written reasoning problems.

A Child's War! (Our first Cornerstones topic)

A siren sounds, a building crumbles, a Spitfire zooms overhead. Take cover. It's 1939 and Britain is at war. Deep down in the Anderson shelter, learn why nations are fighting and why child evacuees must make the long journey from their homes and families into unknown territory. Read the diary of Anne Frank, written whilst hiding from the terrifying stormtroopers in a secret annexe, and try to empathise with her hopes and fears. Make do and mend. Cook up a family meal from meagre rations. Delve deep into a bygone era, when loose lips sunk ships. And, as peace is declared, let's get ready to celebrate. Mr Churchill says 'It's an unconditional surrender.'

Help your child prepare for their project

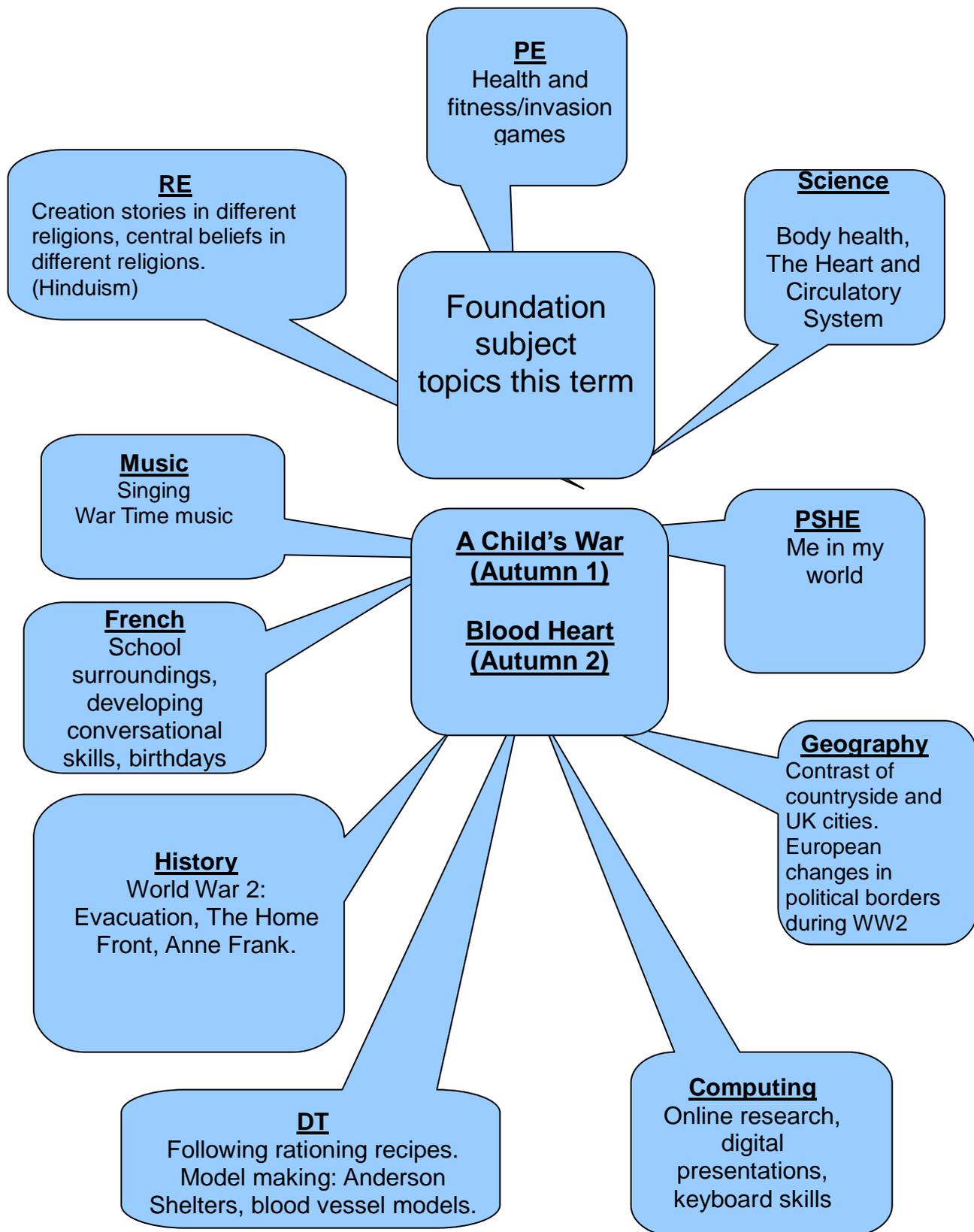
We'll meet again! Why not visit a local museum together to investigate how the Second World War affected your local area? You could also read an exciting fiction book set during the war. Alternatively, you could 'make do and mend', working together to create a model inspired by the Second World War from recycled materials or unwanted household items.

Blood Heart! (Our second Cornerstones topic)

Crimson, scarlet, burgundy, cherry. Blood flows through our bodies in all its vibrant shades of red. Let's explore our circulation system. Now, surgeons, don't be squeamish as we dissect an animal heart and examine the veins, arteries and chambers up close. They all work hard to move blood around our bodies. William Harvey was fascinated with anatomy, and made groundbreaking discoveries about valves. I wonder what we might uncover? Why do people give blood? Find out how to keep your heart happy with cardiovascular exercise and healthy food. Kickstart a campaign to spread the word about the damage caused to the lungs and heart by smoking. Hearts pound, flutter and maybe skip a beat. What makes your heart race? Is it a secret? Cross my heart, I won't tell.

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Your heart will be with you forever, so it's important to look after it. Why not research heart-healthy foods together and try out delicious, nutritious recipes that will make your heart happy? You could also set up an obstacle course in the garden and take each other's pulse before and after exercise to see how it changes. Alternatively, you could investigate advice for keeping your heart healthy and make an informative poster.



General Information

There will be no need for the children to bring equipment into school. Pencil cases will be provided for them in class. Correct uniform and PE Kit will be required. No jewellery is to be worn at any time during PE sessions and long hair should be tied back.

Your child will need to bring a water bottle to have in class. Art aprons should also be brought in however we do have a few the children are welcome to use.

P.E days are as follows for each class:

Miss Stoten: Wednesday (indoors)
Friday (outdoors)
Mr Heard: Wednesday (indoors)
Friday (outdoors)

Please ensure the children have a named PE kit. This should be a white t-shirt, black socks, plimsolls or trainers. A neutral tracksuit may be worn in cold weather.

Both classes will give the following homework:

- Reading: This will need to be logged on the 'Go Read App' which will be monitored.
- A weekly homework task (literacy and maths) will be set on Thursdays and should be returned by Tuesday for marking.
- Spellings will be given out on Monday and will be tested on Friday (12 words)

Trips/events in Year 6 this term

Autumn Term 1 – As part of our topic 'A Child's War' we will be having an evacuee experience day in school.

Date: TBC

Cost: TBC

Autumn Term 2 – As part of our topic on 'Blood Heart' we will be dissecting lamb hearts and making our own blood models.

Date: TBC

Cost: TBC

If you do have any further questions and you wish to speak to us, please do not hesitate to make an appointment through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L. Heard

Miss A. Stoten