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Falcon and Eagle classes will be examining, designing, making and evaluating stuffed toys using a range of materials and techniques. Nightingale class will be developing their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world in Forest School.

## SPRING 1 YEAR 5/6

RE

We will be answering the question: Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?

- Evaluate the significance of tradition, ritual, community, study, and worship in the lives of Jewish people today.
- Give examples of some texts that say what God is like.
- Show how Jewish people put their beliefs into practice (e.g. some differences between Orthodox and Progressive Jewish practice).
- Identify and explain Jewish beliefs about God.

History World War II:

We will:

- Learn about the causes of World War 2.
- Learn about the different phases in the Battle of Britain.
- Make deductions about the Blitz from photographs.
- Discover what evacuation was like.
- Evaluate the accuracy, reliability and usefulness of sources.
- Describe the impact WW2 had on women's and African-Caribbean migrant lives.

Maths Year 6:

We will be learning about:

- Ratio
- Algebra
- Decimals

PE: In dance, the children will learn and develop shapes and circles and create sequences of movement with these through partnering and artistry. In PE, the children will develop and apply their stance and footwork through focused skill development sessions, short burst invasion games, and healthy competition in netball style matches.

Maths Year 5:

We will:

- Add and subtract different types of fractions.
- Multiply fractions by a whole number.
- Calculate fractions on an amount.
- Use written methods for multiplication and division (long multiplication and short division).

Computing - Vector Drawing

In this unit, learners start to create vector drawings. They learn how to use different drawing tools to help them create images. Learners recognise that images in vector drawings are created using shapes and lines, and each individual element in the drawing is called an object. Learners layer their objects and begin grouping and duplicating them to support the creation of more complex pieces of work.

## Music

We will be building on our previous skills in playing brass instruments gained in Year 3/4. Led by Nathaniel Roff, and experienced teacher and leader of the Lewes, Glynde and Beddingham Brass Band, we will develop our knowledge of the musical elements and in reading standard notation. We will have the exciting, confidence-building experience of performing as part of an ensemble. News of our end of term performance to follow.

## PSHE - Citizenship

- To know what happens when someone breaks the law.
- To understand the waste hierarchy.
- To know that parliament is made up of the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the Monarch.
- To know that parliament is where MPs debate issues, propose laws, amend existing laws and challenge the government's work.
- To know that a pressure group is a group of people who feel very strongly about an issue and want to see something change

## Science

We will be exploring Properties of Materials. We will compare and group everyday materials by their properties, such as hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity, and magnetic response. We will learn how some materials dissolve to form solutions and how mixtures can be separated using methods like filtering, sieving, and evaporation. Using evidence from fair tests, we will explain why specific materials, including metals, wood, and plastics, are suited to particular uses.

## Writing

We will begin the term by being inventors and writing explanation texts for our own inventions. After that, we will practise our suspense writing tools by creating our own stories based on the picture book 'The Viewer' by Gary Crew.

## Reading:

Excitingly, 2026 has been announced as 'The National Year of Reading'. In school, we will continue to promote reading for pleasure in various ways (trips to the school library, reading our class novel daily and book talk questions to name but a few). A website we enjoy at Southover called Authorfy has been made free for a year so please encourage your child to take part in their ten minute challenges, watch the author videos and read their newsletter. Your child can bring these in to show us too!

## Important date:

We will be having an Evacuee day linked to our WW2 topic on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. More information to follow.