

## Valence Primary 2020-21

### LITERACY

This half term the children will be studying the text 'Can I touch your hair?'. They will be taking part in active discussions and debates about prejudice, discrimination and racism in relation to the 'Black Lives Matter' movement. This will culminate in writing a shared poem about peace.

The second text we will be studying is 'Archie's War' in connection to our 'World War 1' topic. The children will be thinking about different character perspectives and write a formal letter using formal writing strategies. They will also write a newspaper report about the WW1 Christmas truce.

**Reading:** The children will develop their understanding and confidence in answering a range of reading comprehension questions based around vocabulary, retrieval and inference skills.

**Grammar:** The children will be consolidating teaching from Year 5, whilst developing their understanding of basic and more advanced punctuation.

**Spelling:** Spelling tests will continue to take place every Monday.

### PSHE

**PSHE:** We will be following the 'MindUP' scheme of work, which delves into the science behind the fight or flight response, as well as strategies to deal with emotions associated with it.



### YEAR 6

### Autumn1

**PE:** Please ensure children have their PE kits in school every day.

**Home-work Details:** **No Homework book to go home yet**

### HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

**Who am I?** - Children are going to research their family name and their country of origin, finding out the meanings and importance of their history and culture.

**World War one-** We are going to find out how World War 1 started and locate the countries that were involved on a map. Then the children will research the different ways men joined up and what life was like in the trenches. From this they will write a letter home from the trenches depicting life at that time.

### PE

**TAG Rugby:** The children will be learning attack and defence skills. They will be developing their agility and speed.

**Hockey:** The children will practise their passing and leading skills. They will also learn how to control the ball whilst moving at pace.

### MATHS

In Maths we are leaning about Numbers, Place Value, number bonds and times tables.

We also learn about the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We expect the children to learn their times tables by heart so that they develop mathematical fluency.

### CREATIVE ARTS (ART/DT/MUSIC)

**Music:** The children are listening and appraising music from the past especially from around the time of World War One. They will also be completing work based on the song 'Happy' by Pharell Williams.

**Art/DT:** The children will be working together to create Peace Dove Artwork. They will also be studying the painting 'Over the Top' by John Nash.

### SCIENCE

#### **TOPIC: Our Bodies**

In Science this term, the children will be learning about how systems in the body work. This will cover how to stay healthy and keep a healthy lifestyle. Children will learn that there are many different but related aspects to keeping healthy. They will investigate the functions of the heart and circulatory system and will describe how nutrients and water are transported in human and animal bodies. These sessions will include working scientifically where children will carry out different investigations.