

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Fenstanton and Hilton
Primary School



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What we are learning about:

Our topic/theme this half term is:

How did Britain change after World War 2?

We will be learning:

In Topic, we will be looking at how Britain changed following the Second World War. We will look at how the changes in the country led to the welfare state becoming more prevalent and other key changes such as the arrival of the Windrush Generation as well as the social changes during the 60s.

In Science, we have been exploring the design of our universe, researching and critiquing different philosophical models of space, such as Ptolemy's geocentric model and Copernicus' heliocentric model, considering the impact of past astrology on current theories of the universe.

Key Vocabulary:

English – noun, expanded noun phrase, relative clause, parenthesis, subordinate clause, brackets, dashes, colon, semi-colon, inverted commas, possessive apostrophe, coordinate clause, conjunction, adverbial, prepositional phrase

Topic – Welfare state, healthcare, riot, housewife, domestic, disposable income, Baby Boomers, election, discrimination, bankrupt

Science - astronaut, orbit, rocket, atmosphere, launch, space craft, space shuttle, Weightlessness, commercial, gravitational pull, lunar, terrestrial, uninhabitable

English:

In English, we will begin by revisiting key grammatical concepts, such as expanded noun phrases, parenthesis and semi-colons. We will start by identifying these devices before practising using them appropriately, and then challenging ourselves to consider their effectiveness, when to use them and, most importantly, when not to use them!

We will be producing two pieces of extended writing this half-term. The first will be linked to a video from Literacy Shed called Francis focusing on using atmosphere in her writing. After, we will be writing a balanced argument.

Mathematics:

This half-term in maths, we will be focusing on revising core concepts and methods for the whole class. Additionally, we will be looking at presenting and reading statistics from data presented in bar, line and pictographs and the year six children will be learning some basic algebra.

The children will be recapping all the key areas of the maths curriculum we have covered so far. This is largely in preparation for the SATs for year 6, however it will also be beneficial for the year 5 students to revise learning that was covered in Autumn term and during the Spring.