

# Ladysmith Junior School

## Year 6 Learning Letter

### Spring Term 1 2021

#### Reflecting back on the autumn term

##### What we have been teaching for the second half of the autumn term:

- World War Two
- Write a Wartime diary and recounts of Germans in the Wood and Cemetery visit
- Arithmetic calculations, fractions, percentages.

##### What the children have most enjoyed:

- WW2 Day
- Making air-raid shelters
- Attending a Remembrance service at the Cemetery

##### What we have planned for the first half of the spring term:

###### Our topics:

- **World War 2** continued  
Propaganda posters  
Women's role in the war  
Anne Frank  
Dunkirk – heroic or disastrous?  
How did the war end? VE day
- **Science – Light and shadow**  
How does light travel? – make periscopes  
How do mirrors reflect light?  
How are shadows formed? – make shadow puppets  
How does the human eye work?
- **Sex and Relationship education** will be taught as part of Physical health and mental wellbeing in PSHE and Science. For further details, please refer to the recent letter sent by Mr Wilkinson.  
If you would like to view some of the BBC material we will be using as part of PSHE, please use the link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks2-pshe/zbrg7nb>

The following sessions will also be taught as part of Science

1. Puberty and reproduction
2. Physical & emotional behaviour in relationships
3. The process of conception and pregnancy
4. Positive and negative ways of communicating in a relationship

### **Memorable and inspiring moments, including planned trips and visits:**

- Self-defence workshops
- Shadow puppet plays

### **Key learning in reading:**

- Reading aloud with expression and correct intonation
- Using contents and index pages to find information in non-fiction texts
- Understanding authors intentions and word choice
- Develop and practice reading comprehension skills

### **Key learning in writing:**

- Handwriting and presentation
- Range of sentence structures including multi-clause using accurate punctuation
- Using correct layout and punctuation of speech
- Describing atmosphere, character and setting
- Using layout and features of non-fiction text e.g. bullet points, colons

### **Key learning in maths:**

- Solve multi-step word problems
- Measure –conversion of units, time intervals, time
- Multiplying and dividing 3 and 4 digit numbers including money
- Shapes and angles
- Area and Perimeter

### **Key learning in other subjects:**

- Art – Oil pastel propaganda posters
- DT - Make shadow puppets using different materials
- Self-defence workshops

### **How you can help your child with their learning:**

- Read with them regularly and encourage them to take their Accelerated quizzes
- Ensure children can fluently recall their times tables facts.
- Ask children 'real-life' shopping problems e.g. which special offer would work out best value?
- Encourage children to do their homework
- Please bring in cereal packets for shadow puppets