Year 6 – Does your country need you?

Autumn Term 2 2026



St Barnabas CofE Primary School

Christian Value: Justice

Theme: A citizen of the world

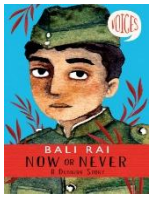
The children will be reading…

Be inspired by books:

- **Rose Blanche – Roberto Innocenti**
- **A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens**
- **Now or Never a Dunkirk Story – Bali Rai**







Key Questions

Why was World War 2 the most important war in World History?
What impact did World War 2 have on children and families?
Why did people migrate to Britain during and after World War 2?

Oracy

- To organise arguments and explanations logically
- To maintain eye contact, use facial expressions and project confidently
- To present story maps
- To use debate language

Reading

Reading plays a vital part in our learning and retention of knowledge. This half term the children will be learning to:

- Develop comprehension skills through a range of texts.
- Make comparisons within and across books.
- Ask questions to deepen understanding.
- Make inferences and support answers with evidence.
- Summarise, evaluate and predict using the text.
- Develop a love of reading through shared experiences.

Writing

Our year 6 writers will have many and varied opportunities to write and be inspired by texts we look at in class. This half term the children will be learning to:

- Write engaging narratives that create atmosphere.
- Write a biography using appropriate structure and language.
- Create setting descriptions using the first person.
- Use dialogue effectively to move a narrative forward.
- Edit and improve their writing.
- Write and deliver formal speeches and debates.

Maths

Our Year 6 mathematicians will have many opportunities to revisit, develop and apply their mathematical skills and knowledge. This half term, the children will be learning to:

- Revisit and consolidate key fraction concepts.
- Add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions.
- Add and subtract mixed numbers.
- Solve problems involving fractions.
- Calculate fractions of amounts.

Diary Dates: History Trip – Monday/Tuesday 23rd/24th November
Anti-Bullying Week – Commencing 16th November with Odd Socks Day
Children in Need - Friday 13th November – PE kit with spots
Anderson Shelters due - Monday 16th November

Music

The children will be learning to:

- Explore the music of Benjamin Britten.
- Learn and perform A New Year Carol.
- Understand how music changes over time.
- Use dynamics (expressive volume) and texture (layers of singing) to enhance performance.

PE and Outdoor Learning

The children will be learning to:

- Develop teamwork and outdoor learning skills.
- Create and perform their own rhythms through dance (Stomp Clap Clap).
- Use the correct grip and pass accurately in tag rugby.
- Catch a rugby ball confidently from different

Art and Design Technology

The children will be learning to:

- Design and construct air raid shelters.
- Explore and create graffiti-inspired artwork.
- Develop shading techniques.
- Compare the work of Henry Moore and contemporary artists.

Spellings

The children will be learning to:

- Spell the Year 5 and 6 common exception words.
- Edit their own and others' writing.
- Look at common homophones, synonyms and antonyms.
- Learn how prefixes and suffixes change meaning.

History

The children will be learning to:

- Explore life during World War II through a museum experience.
- Understand food supplies and rationing.
- Discover what life was like as an evacuee.
- Compare children's experiences of the war across Europe.
- Explore migration to Britain during the war.
- Understand how women's roles changed during wartime.

PSHE and Thrive

The children will be learning to:

- Understand healthy and respectful relationships.
- Explore relationships and sex education.
- Recognise bullying and discuss how to prevent it.
- Develop strategies for treating others with kindness and respect.

Science

The children will be learning to:

- Build on their understanding of evolution.
- Investigate electricity and construct simple circuits.
- Understand how the number and voltage of cells affect bulb brightness and buzzer volume.
- Compare how different components function in a circuit.
- Draw circuit diagrams using recognised symbols.

Computing

The children will be learning to:

- Explore the history of computers and how they have evolved.
- Write increasingly complex algorithms for different purposes.

Religious Education

The children will be learning to:

- Explore beliefs shared by different religions.
- Understand different religious beliefs about God.
- Recognise and respect different beliefs and worldviews.
- Understand why learning about religious beliefs

French

The children will be learning to:

- Develop their understanding of sport and activities in French.
- Learn and use sports vocabulary.
- Identify and use prepositions correctly.
- Express preferences using the infinitive.
- Revisit vocabulary for countries.

British Values

The children will be learning to:

- Explore British Values today and during World War II.
- Compare how British Values have changed over time.
- Understand how democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law, mutual respect and tolerance were experienced during wartime.