



Our topic this term is Britain at War. We will be learning about the Great War and World War 2. We will be thinking about what life was like for the people living in Britain at the time and how their lives were affected by the conflict. We will be creating maps to show places that were targeted during the Battle of Britain.

In Science, our topic will be 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. The unit teaches children about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. The children will sort and classify objects according to their properties.

Our PSHE lessons will focus on the positive qualities of being part of a team. We will then move on to discuss Britain representing a wide of range of faiths and ethnicities.

In R.E. children will be studying Islam and answering the question: 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?'

In Design and Technology, the children will be celebrating culture and seasonality with a focus on food.



In Art we will be creating some dramatic images of the Blitz, painting watercolour poppies and perspectives using the mediums, paint and pastel.

In computing, we will continue to teach an awareness of online safety, with 'Finding a Balance in the Digital World' as well as using spreadsheets to support our DT lessons. There will then be a unit on webpage design.

In P.E. lessons children will be making a sequence of symmetrical and asymmetrical balances as well as other aspects of gymnastic floor work. Outdoor, they will play effectively in a variety of positions and formations on the pitch whilst attacking and using defensive tactics in gameplay. *For health and safety reasons children are not permitted to wear earrings for PE under any circumstances. Long hair must be tied up for P.E. lessons*

In Literacy we will be reading texts/watching clips that involve stories by famous authors, non-fiction and a variety of narrative texts, including poetry.

We will be following the Grammarsaurus scheme for spellings: a comprehensive spelling scheme designed for primary schools, aligning with the National Curriculum and focusing on teaching spelling strategies, rules, and statutory words from Year 2 to Year 6

Please help your child by:

- Encouraging them to read as often as possible and remember our expectations: at least three times a week with reading recorded and diaries signed.
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding.
- To practise their spellings with them.

In Maths we will be covering all areas of the Maths curriculum through the White Rose maths scheme. It is important that the children practise their tables at home. Please help your child by:

- Encouraging them to practise their tables and the corresponding division facts. Children, by Yr5, should know all the tables.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping and telling the time.
- Helping them complete any homework.

Amblecote Primary P.E. Uniform is:

- Plain black shorts (No logos). These are required for all indoor PE lessons. Shorts should be of an appropriate length.
- Plain white round neck t-shirt (No logos)
- Plain black jogging bottoms
- Plain black sweatshirt/zip up jacket for outdoor lessons in cold weather (No logos)
- A pair of plain sports trainers – suitable for outdoor P.E. (no converse or high tops)
- White or grey ankle socks

SATs Preparation for Year 6 only

SATs week w/b 11th May 2026.

Dates for your diary

- Year 6 Residential Visit to Astley Burg: 16th – 19th June 2026

Key information:

Day	What's happening
Monday	Reading diaries checked and stars awarded. 5H (Indoor PE) 6O (Indoor PE)
Tuesday	5/6J (Indoor PE) Homework club – lunchtime in 6O with Miss O'Connor 5H (Outdoor PE)
Wednesday	6O (Outdoor PE) Mrs Cook's Maths Homework set & due in – including TTRockstars
Thursday	All other Homework set & due in – including TTRockstars
Friday	Spellings - previous weeks spellings are tested and new words to learn are set. 5/6J (Outdoor PE)

Please remember children need to have a named water bottle in school: only water please! Appropriately-sized water bottles please – Stanley-style bottles and cups are simply too big. Children can refill their bottle throughout the day.

As always if you need to contact us or have any questions, please contact us via ClassDojo. Any important/urgent messages please contact the school office – teachers will not be able to check Dojo whilst they are teaching.

Any information we need to pass on will be shared on ClassDojo. Occasionally P.E. days may change, we will notify you of this through ClassDojo also.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss O'Connor, Mrs Jones and Miss Hughes



Year 5&6
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Britain at War

We hope that our overview of this term's topic will provide you with ideas of how to help your child at home.