

# OUR ISLAND – CHALK, CLAY & CONSTANT CHANG



YEAR 6

SPRING 2025-2026

FOCUS CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES – FOCUS CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES – (1) High Quality Outcomes & Deep Learning.



## KEY AREA OF LEARNING -

In geography, children will investigate how erosion shapes the Isle of Wight coastline, using historical imagery to track land loss at sites like Blackgang. By comparing hard chalk and soft clay, they will master the landform sequence from caves to stumps and evaluate whether human management, such as sea walls, can effectively mitigate nature. In history, children will analyse the Treaty of Versailles as a "ticking time bomb" that led to WWII, focusing specifically on the impact of the "BRAT" terms (Blame, Reparations, Army, Territory). They will explore how the resulting economic collapse fuelled extremism, using symbolic political cartoons to demonstrate how the 1919 peace settlement catalysed the conflict of 1939.

### SCIENCE

Light – Building on their foundational knowledge from Year 3, the children will deepen their understanding of how light behaves. They will investigate the core principle that light travels in straight lines, using this scientific concept to explain why shadows maintain the same shape as the objects that cast them. Crucially, the children will learn how to represent the movement of light by drawing accurate scientific diagrams showing how light reflects off objects and enters our eyes, allowing us to see.

### ENGLISH

We are just in the process of finishing off Oliver Twist. After we will be reading just one book – Survivors by David Long. This is an exciting non-fiction text containing a collection of captivating real-life tales of men, women and children who have survived the most perilous situations against all odds. We will continue to work on our spellings, punctuation and grammar in readiness for SATs.

### MATHS

Throughout the Spring term, our main focus will be on securing our decimals, fractions and percentages. Once we have this under our belt, we will be looking at Ratio, Algebra and Shape.

### HOMEWORK

Homework will now predominantly consist of work to be completed in revision books. The expectation will be sent out weekly.

### COMPUTING

During computing this term, we will be learning how to code using different variables and procedures for a specific reason. Then how to create effective spreadsheets with purposeful formulas to present data successfully.

### PE

We will be focusing on a lot of our indoor-based PE sessions this half term including gymnastics, dodgeball and indoor athletics. However, we will also still be having sessions outside where we will be focusing on hockey skills.

### FRENCH

The children will be learning about directions and common amenities.

### PSHE/SMSC

The children are going to be learning about careers and their links to specific skills as well as budgeting and financial risks. We will also be discovering how what we post online has a degree of permanence to it that we cannot take back or remove.

### TRIPS/VISIT

This half term we will be going on a fieldtrip around the local area in order to explore how coastal erosion is affecting the island. We will also be having a day focused on the island and using different scientific experiments to demonstrate how and why it is changing.

### ART

This term we are going to focus on the art of Benjamin West, and Jenny Kendler leading to the creation of a sculpture based on Kendler's piece 'Birds Watching' and a collage based on West's series of works called 'Plant Machina'.

### DT

The children will be exploring how our food choices can contribute to climate change. We will be seeing how vegan choices can have a positive impact by planning, making and evaluating a two-course vegan meal.

### MUSIC

We will be focusing on popular war time songs 'It's a long way to Tipperary' and 'The White Cliffs of Dover'. We will be learning the songs by heart and create a performance that incorporates different pitch levels, notations and rounds.

### RE

At the end of the first half term we will be learning about rituals for Muslims through Eid and then at the end of the term we will learn about resurrection through the Christian symbolism of the empty cross.