



World War 2

Year 6 - Spring 1 - Newsletter



Topic

This term's history topic continues with our exploration of World War Two and focuses on how the war affected people. Our Evacuee Day will introduce children to authentic artefacts from the time and give them a taste of what a day in the life of an evacuee was like. Over the half term, the children will also have the opportunity to explore recipes based on rationing, to understand the role of women in the war effort and how propaganda was used throughout the war.

Maths

This half term we will be continuing with our work on fractions. After this we will then move on to decimals and percentages and comparing between them and fractions. As always we will continue to have real focus on the children's reasoning and problem solving skills with elements of this included in all lessons.

English

We are continuing to write for a variety of audiences and purposes this spring term. In writing we will focus on producing a diary entry related to World War Two. During our fictional writing we will be produce a losing tale which will have a focus on dialogue.

Reading

We are very excited to be starting another new book: Goodnight Mister Tom. We recognise reading is an important lifelong skill and we will continue to focus on giving sufficient appropriate evidence from the text when giving answers. The children will continue to use inference skills to increase their understanding of a variety of texts and will develop their knowledge of a wide range of new vocabulary. We would appreciate your continued support in encouraging daily reading at home. Here are some suggested books to read: Carrie's War, An Eagle in the Snow, Friend or Foe, When We Were Warriors and The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas.

Science

This half term, we will continue to look at living things and how they have evolved over time, learning about the theory of evolution. In addition to this, they will understand how animals have adapted, through both evolution and natural selection. They will also learn that fossils provide information about how living things inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.

Computing

We will be using Book Creator to design E-Books for children at Ad Astra Infant School.

PE

We will be developing the children's orienteering skills during our outdoor lessons. Our indoor PE sessions this half term will focus on gymnastics and devising their own sequences.

Music

During this half-term, the children will be completing a unit on film music. This will involve looking at the impact different genres of music have on the audience.

PSHE

The children will be considering their aspirations for the future. They will be creating challenging but realistic goals for themselves.

RE

We will be focusing on Christianity and looking at the concept of eternity.

Dates for your diary :

Evacuee Day (Please dress as an evacuee) - Tuesday 7th January

Darwin Evolution and Inheritance visit — Monday 10th February

General

As you know, this is an extremely important time for Year 6 with the National Tests taking place in the week of the 12th May. We have already provided pupils with study guides to help with revision for their homework tasks. Additional study guides for English, Maths and Spelling and Grammar are available to buy online. Please talk to us if you need any recommendations.

As always, if you have any queries or need any advice, please feel free to contact the Year 6 team. Thank you for your continuing support - it is much appreciated.