



World War Two

Year 6 Topic Newsletter



Topic

This term's history topic is based on World War Two and it will begin with writing poems and leading an assembly to mark Armistice Day. Looking at examples of war poems and the importance of Remembrance Day will inspire the children to write thoughtful poems, which will be performed by some chosen children during our Remembrance Assembly. Following on from this, the children will focus their attention on World War Two by looking at key events, leaders and the impact the war had on city centres during 'The Blitz'. We also look at the impact of evacuation. As part of their home learning, the children will be asked to choose and research an area of the topic that interests them: Winston Churchill, evacuation, spitfire plane etc. This is also a brilliant opportunity for them to ask at home about anyone in their family who experienced or lived through World War Two.

Dates for diary :

Military visit:	Tuesday 7th November
Remembrance Day Assembly:	Friday 10th November
Inset Days:	Friday 24th November and Monday 27th November

Science

This half term, we will focus on recalling how to classify groups of living things. We will identify specific characteristics and group them using a variety of methods, such as Venn and Carroll diagrams as well as dichotomous keys.

Writing

To begin with, the children will read, write and present emotive poems in preparation for our Remembrance assembly on 11th November. Following on from their poems, they will be writing non-chronological reports based on animals in the class reader and book being used in reading: 'Holes'. The children will also write a suspense story using these characters, developing skills such as make settings feel ominous and lulling the reader.

Computing

The children will be enhancing their computer skills this term by completing some computer programming using a software package called Scratch. They will use this program to develop their use of coding and to create interactive stories. Scratch is also free to use at home, with or without an email account, so the children can dazzle you with their programming knowledge at home.

PE

During 2nd half of the Autumn term, the children will be developing their hockey skills, working towards an inter-class tournament at the end of term. Our indoor PE sessions this term will focus on creating sequences in gymnastics which utilise skills we have learnt throughout our time at HJS.

Maths

Following on from lessons taught and having analysed your child's tests during assessment week, we have planned our teaching for the next term – with a real focus on the 4 operations, reasoning skills and problem solving.

Reading

As always, thank you for your support with your child's reading; our expectation of reading four times a week is improving the children's stamina and interest in their books. Our reading lessons have had a successful start, looking at fact retrieval and inference. During this term, the whole class reader will be Louis Sachar's 'Holes'. Here are some suggested books your children may also wish to read: Carries War, An Eagle in the Snow, Friend or Foe, Letters from the Lighthouse, The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas and War Horse.

General

Linking to our World War 2 topic, this half term we will be making 'make do and mend' bunting. This will be in some of our History and Design Technology lessons. Can we remind you to provide your child with some plain coloured fabric such as old bedding for them cut up and use this half term.

Also, just a quick thank you also to everyone who attended parents' evening or those who arranged phone conversations. It was lovely to discuss how your children have settled into Year 6 and share how hard they have been working.

Thank you for all your support so far this year.