



# 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.

Home-Learning will be to research an area of WW2 that your child is interested in and create an information booklet.

### 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 non-fiction writing we will focus on producing a newspaper report about World War Two. During our fictional writing we will be working on producing a warning 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 through 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

This half term, we will be recapping our PowerPoint knowledge from previous years in order to plan and then create a E-book with more independence.

### 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 chair drumming. They will be learning how to hold a rhythm when multiple rhythm layers are played at the same time as well as composing their own rhythmic patterns.

### 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) - Wednesday 3rd January

Darwin Evolution and Inheritance visit— Friday 9th 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 13th 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.