

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.

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

Computing
The children will learning about E-safety.

PE
During 2nd half of the Autumn term, the children will be developing their pickle ball skills. Our indoor PE sessions this term will focus on creating sequences in gymnastics and developing the skills required for indoor athletics events, which utilise skills they have learnt throughout their time at the junior school.

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 sets 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: Carrie's War, An Eagle in the Snow, Friend or Foe, Letters from the Lighthouse, The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas and War Horse.

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.

Maths
The children will begin this half term by focussing on division, including learning how to divide by 2-digit numbers. They will then practise multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. The final focus for this half term will be on fractions. Children will learn how to convert, simplify and identify equivalent fractions.

Dates for diary:
Remembrance Day Assembly: Wednesday 11th November
Inset Days: Friday 27th November and Monday 30th November
Christmas Jumper and Dinner day: Monday 7th December

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 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.