

Year 5 Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

Topic

This term we will be finding out about life during WW2. We will discover what it was like to be a child/soldier/woman during this period of time.

We will make comparisons to today's society and highlight differences and similarities. We will begin to understand which countries took part in the allied forces and why.

We will be watching the BBC Spywatch programme and reading Carrie's War to support our knowledge of life in WW2.

We will also read and produce different styles of writing from extracts from The Machine Gunners, Once, Friend or Foe and Blitz.

To enhance our understanding of this period of history we plan to spend the day as evacuees on the Poppy Line.

Maths

During this term our Maths will have a strong emphasis on number and place value, moving on to different efficient calculation methods. We will then look at fractions, decimals and percentages.

This term we will be focusing on learning clear mental maths strategies to support our maths. Knowing times tables will also be emphasised. As last year there will be an opportunity for children to continue their bronze, silver, gold and platinum times tables awards.

Science

In Science we will be focusing on Materials. We will be learning about famous chemists in history as well as using lots of different scientific equipment to carry out different investigations.

We will be learning about thermal conductors and insulators, electrical insulators and conductors, separating solutions, evaporation and condensation.

Music

We will learn songs from WW2, we will sing in rounds, canons and chants as well as looking at dynamics and pitch. We will use and create graphical notation to write the score for percussion instruments.

RE/PSHE

This term in R.E we will be focusing on Harvest and remembrance.

In PSHE we will be looking at trust and how to be trustworthy.

Art and Computing

We will be scripting and performing our own WW2 Radio broadcasts giving advice to people during the war. In art we will be inspired by Henry Moore's London underground pictures. We will also be using Poppies as our inspirations using different Media. We will be making 3D models of the trenches.

P.E/Games

On Mondays we will be learning how to Lindy Hop. On Fridays the children will be developing their skills in Hockey, Rugby and Netball. The children will need outdoor kit as we will try to get outside as much as possible, (T-shirt, trainers, jogging bottoms and warm fleece/tracksuit top).

