

Autumn Term

English	Maths	Theme: 'World War II'	Other Subjects	What you can do to help your child this half-term
<p><u>Reading</u> We will be looking at various text types in the first term of Year 5, beginning with fiction. We will read Grandpa's Great Escape by David Walliams and base lots of our English work around this story. We will also look at Michael Morpurgo's writing on WW2. For remembrance, the children will be reading some WW2 poetry and paying close attention to the techniques used by poets to create a certain effect.</p> <p><u>Writing</u> We will be writing in a variety of styles and genres with a keen focus on the war. With children putting themselves in the positions of WW2 children, they will have a lot of practice at writing for different audiences and purposes too. Writing sessions will be completed in our English lessons and in topic lessons too.</p> <p><u>SPaG</u> The children will be taught the necessary spelling, punctuation and grammar rules for the beginning of Year 5. We will have regular practice within our English sessions and regular, standalone short SPaG sessions as well.</p>	<p>In the first term of Year 5, much of the maths curriculum is focused around number work. We will begin with a focus on place value and deepening our understanding of the number system.</p> <p>We will then move on to looking at the four operations. The children will practice their calculations using formal written methods as well as honing their mental maths skills.</p> <p>Arithmetic will be completed on a Friday morning, there will be a quiz of the elements of the maths they have learnt in the week. The children will keep a record of their scores and develop their understanding of what they need to rehearse more and what they have understood well.</p> <p>As we move through the term, the children will complete some work on statistics: looking at representing data in many different ways.</p> <p>They'll then finish off by working on area and perimeter, deepening their understanding of what these are measurements of and how to calculate them accurately.</p>	<p>The children will be learning all about the life and times of a range of people during WW2.</p> <p><u>History</u> = The children will learn about key historical aspects of the war such as The Blitz, evacuees and rationing to name just a few elements of our studies.</p> <p><u>Geography</u> = The chn will use maps to identify and locate the several countries involved in WW2.</p> <p><u>Art</u> = We will use different media to create images of the Blitz using silhouettes and we will be looking at landscapes using the iconic poppy image.</p> <p><u>DT</u> = The children will have the chance to design, create and evaluate their very own model Anderson shelter using a range of materials in school.</p> <p><u>Music</u> = Sounds and music from the WW2 era.</p> <p><u>Computing</u> = The children will be using the computers and ipads to assist in their research of WW2 and they will be focusing on e-safety and some image editing programs throughout this term.</p>	<p><u>Science</u> = The children's remaining science units will continue their understanding of plants and will also include learning about growing up and animals including humans.</p> <p><u>PE</u> = The children will continue to have two weekly PE sessions. On Tuesday mornings, the children will be taught by Mr North. They will also have PE on a Friday where will be focusing on some indoor games and skills.</p> <p><u>RE</u> = For RE we follow the agreed Essex syllabus and we will continue to discuss various religions, beliefs and traditions throughout the year.</p> <p><u>MFL</u> = The children will continue to build on their skills from previous years and practice using the French language, in spoken and written contexts.</p>	<p>The children should practice and learn their times tables fully and develop their mental maths skills.</p> <p>Furthermore it is important that the children read each night and are regularly questioned on what they've read to help improve their comprehension.</p> 

Advance - Trip Notification Details

4TH OCTOBER - To start off our WW2 topic and indeed our year, we have planned for the children to take part in an army style assault course at the Secret Nuclear Bunker. You should've already received the details but if you're unsure please don't hesitate to ask.

Homework/Spellings

The children will each receive a homework 'menu' with instructions from which they can choose. Spellings are set on a Friday and tested a week later.

PE Days

PE this half-term will be on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that they have their full kits available in school.

As always, if anyone has any questions or queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me. Likewise if you believe you have anything worth sharing, particularly in relation to WW2, please do come and discuss this as I am sure it would enhance our topic this term. We are especially interested to hear of anyone who might be able to give us an insight into life during the war and the surrounding times.

Signed: **Mr Lole**