

# World War Two...Our Creative Curriculum:

We always aim to engage and inspire our children with their topics. Here , we explain what they can all look forward to:

## English:

Next half term, Year 6 will be writing their own explanation texts around a creature of their own design. This is our second Talk for Writing project and we are excited to carry on the incredible work that we have seen the children produce. Be sure to ask your children about the story, they should be able to retell it with actions!

Year 5 will be writing a flashback tale, rooted in the war, this will allow them to make cross-curricular links between English and History.

## Maths:

Next half term year 5 will be concentrating on fractions, this will take up the entire half term and will include comparing and ordering fractions as well as adding and subtracting them. Year 6 will be spring-boarding from our recent fraction topic into decimals and percentages. We will be examining the relationship between them as well as how to manipulate these into each other.

## Science:

Year 5 will be learning about animals including humans, they will learn about the changes between childhood and adulthood.

Year 6 will be continuing their biology unit, they will be building on their learning from years 3 and 4 about the main body parts and internal organs (skeletal, muscular and digestive system) to explore and answer questions that help them to understand how the circulatory system enables the body to function.

## History:

Next half term we will be concentrating on World War 2, we will be looking at the geographical locations of the battles as well as the Allied and Axis countries. We will examine the causes of the War and the impact that this had on children and families.

## Art & DT:

We have a very exciting half term approaching with regards to design and technology; we will be creating our very own Anderson shelters. Children will be encouraged to analyse the structure through prototypes and design variants on these throughout the testing stage before finally creating their own versions.

## Physical Education:

Next half term, one year 5 class will be taking a closer look at the techniques involved in football, with a view to building these skills into a game environment. The other class will be choreographing and performing their own dance routines.

One year 6 class will be learning the skills involved in Tag Rugby, including the accurate passes and how to build these in order to score. The other class will be learning about tennis, the strokes involved and how to use these in a game context.

## Music:

Year 5 will be linking science and music and looking at life cycles. with music from Brahms, Berio, Liszt and Monteverdi. The wide variety of musical moods, styles and genres inspires singing, performing and composing using new techniques and structures. Year 6 will also be linking their science learning with their music topic of growth. The children will continue to explore Ravel's *Boléro* through rhythmical mime, learn songs with instrumental accompaniments, and create a dance to build into a thrilling street performance.

## Religious Education:

Year 5 will be learning all about Sikhism, they will be looking at the origins of the religion and how Sikhs respect their religion daily. Year 6 will be learning about Buddhism. They will be studying who the Buddha was and what his teachings were, as well as how these are still followed today.



## Reward Evening

Next half term's Reward Evening is going to be chosen by the children! We feel it is important to acknowledge that they are invited to these evenings in response to their behaviour and as such, should have some say in how they are run and what they would like to do. We will let you know in advance what the activity is.



Even in the top end of the school, lost property can become a problem when children cannot identify their own clothing. It makes such a difference to have labelled clothing, as most of the time, the item is returned straight away to the correct person. Please make sure that every item of clothing is clearly labelled, including PE kits. This will help your child to look after their belongings. Again, it is important for the children in year 5 and 6 to take responsibility for their things. If your child has lost something, they will be encouraged to look for it themselves during a break or after school. We thank you for your cooperation.

# Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Spring One 2018



## Merry Christmas!

We hope you have a lovely break over the Christmas holidays, we look forward to seeing you in January.

## World War Two

Throughout the whole of the Spring Term, Upper Key Stage Two will be basing their learning on World War 2, which took place between 1939 and 1945.

Throughout the duration of the term, the children will be learning about the causes, who was involved and some of the key events which took place over the 6 years in which Britain was at war.

World War 2 had a huge impact on everyone in Britain and the children will be exploring the changes people had to make and the effects it had. The children will be able to experience becoming evacuees, living on rations and investigating the different ways they could have kept safe from air raids.

Year 5 and 6 will then look at key events which took place such as The Battle of Britain, The Blitz, the Dunkirk Evacuation and the Holocaust. The children will also be studying texts which are set during World War 2 in their English lessons. This will allow children to investigate how historical events are represented in fiction texts.

I am sure you will agree, that it will be fascinating and eye-opening topic, which will engage the children and encourage them to become World War 2 historians.



## Dates for your diary...

### January

Monday 7th - School opens for Spring Term

Tuesday 8th - Evacuee Day

Wednesday 23rd - Bletchley Park visiting School

### February

Thursday 14th - Reward Evening 5.45

Friday 15th - End of Half Term

## World War 2 Home Learning

Although there is **no expectation** to complete home learning based around our topic, I know that some children like to do some learning and research based on the topic. Below are a list of different ideas of what the children could do at home to support their learning on World War 2.

### Home Learning Ideas:

- ♦ Write a poem based around World War 2
- ♦ Build a tank / airplane
- ♦ Make a recipe using rations
- ♦ Design a uniform for a member of the forces
- ♦ Create a map of Axis and Allies
- ♦ Create a propaganda poster
- ♦ Design ways of keeping safe
- ♦ Design and make your own alternative Anderson shelter

If your child wishes to share any work they have completed at home, they can bring it to school anytime.

Thank you for reading our Spring Newsletter. If you have any questions or queries, please do contact your child's class teacher. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Niemi who will be available via the school office .