

Theme

Keep Calm and Carry On!

Our theme for this term is Keep Calm and Carry On, which will focus on World War II. After an introduction into how the war began and the locations of the countries involved, we will focus our attention on how the lives of children were affected by the war and different perspectives from the people involved. We will be studying how the war impacted the daily lives of the people of Britain. There will also be an opportunity to identify how children were kept safe, and we will explore how they felt during this time.

English

During English this term, we will be using a range of texts influenced by World War II. Children will have the opportunity to create different styles of writing using the books 'Letters from the Lighthouse', 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' and 'Rose Blanche'. Each English and guided reading lesson will focus on a key skill which children will be able to use in their session. We will also recognise and celebrate the impact of black heritage and culture when exploring key events and notable, inspirational figures from history through creative writing.

Mathematics

This year we will be following the Power Maths scheme of work. This curriculum mastery programme is designed to spark curiosity, excitement and nurture confidence in Maths. This term begins with place value. It is vital that children are secure with this concept in order for them to apply their skills. Children will be identifying the digits of numbers up to 10,000,000 as well as ordering, comparing and rounding. These skills will then be used to solve different number sentences involving the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will need to solve multi-step problems deciding which methods to use and why. We will then progress onto working with fractions. There will also be a huge focus on the rapid recall of timetables up to 12x12 and their related division facts.

Technology

Food Technology - Linked to our mini project 'Dig for Victory Again'. Children will look at rationing during the war and will make some of the dishes of the time. We will also look at the seasonality of fruit and vegetables and the making of jam.

Design Technology - Children will design and make remembrance lanterns to sell in the run up to Remembrance Sunday and will raise money for the British Legion. We will also take part in a fun air raid shelter building challenge!

French

We will be learning about France— speaking about French foods, the location of some French cities and some popular tourist attractions in Paris.

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Computing e-Safety and Animation

All of our work is underpinned by our understanding how to stay safe when using the internet.

Linked to our World War 2 theme, the children will create an interactive map of the World, including which countries were involved in the war, using the Scratch program.

Science - Light and Electricity

This term's topics are light and electricity. We will be finding out about light and how we see shadows, reflections, and refractions. We will learn about how light travels, enabling us to see objects.

When learning about electricity, we will compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. We will also learn how to draw circuit diagrams using electrical circuits.

Home Learning

Homework will be given out every Friday. Children are expected to complete all of the tasks. Longer projects may sometimes be set to complete and present. Spellings will be learnt at home and tested in school every Friday morning.

Times tables will also be tested weekly. Please ensure that your child practises their times tables through TT Rockstars, in addition to their weekly homework.

If you have any books or artefacts about our topic, children are able to bring them in and share them with the class.

Save the Date!

Our Remembrance assembly will be on *Thursday 11th November*.

P.E

P.E lessons will take place on Thursdays. Please ensure your child has the correct indoor and outdoor kits in school at all times.

This term we will be focusing on personal best challenges through athletics and improving attacking and defending skills through invasion games, including tag rugby.

Swimming sessions will hopefully start this term. We will be in contact shortly regarding when the sessions will begin and how they will be organised. Until then, we will continue with PE sessions on Friday afternoons.

PSHE

Our British values and their importance: democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect and tolerance for the beliefs of those with different faiths, beliefs and opinions underpins lots of the work we will cover throughout the term.

During this term we will create our class charter and elect our school councilors. We will also be discussing managing our feelings. We will be learning about friendships and how to resolve conflict too.

RE

In RE, we will be looking at the work of charity and we will learn about the work of two major faith based charities, Islamic Relief and Christian Aid.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

We will be working towards the completion of our Year 6 Cultural Capital Journey. There will be a copy of the events and activities we will be completing in our planners. This term we will complete a poppy appeal enterprise to raise money for the British Legion and learn about the good work they do in our community. We will also be involved in regular sessions to discover activities that promote our positive wellbeing.



Creative Arts

Art - We will be creating poppy field art work inspired by Jacqueline Hurley using a range of mixed media.

Music - We will be working on our composing skills, composing our own music using features such as ostinato and beginning to use musical notation for recording.