



# THE BATTLE OF **BRITAIN**

JULY 10, 1940 - SEPTEMBER 6, 1940



### Autumn Term:

1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

4 September – 18 October

### Autumn Term:

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

29 October – 19 December

### **Values, PSHE & RE Topics**

The Core Values: Hope, Creativity, Thankfulness and Generosity will form the focus for Assemblies and Circle Time this term.

On Friday mornings Mr Gernert will continue to teach **Music** and the theme will be film soundtracks. Mrs Simpson will continue to teach **German** on Friday mornings.

Mrs Millard will be teaching **RE** on Wednesday afternoons. In RE this term we will be looking at Christianity and how faith and belief affect the way people live their lives.

- In what ways does the Bible teach Christians to treat others?
- How is this expressed in practice?

**PE** lessons will normally be on Tuesday afternoons this term; the focus will be orienteering skills. However, please ensure that the children have their PE kit at school every day as weather or curriculum events may mean that we occasionally reschedule PE to a different day.

**Science:** Mr Barron will be teaching Science on Thursday afternoons. The children will be learning all about the human body and will be able: to name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and explain the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will also recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function; and describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

### **History**

We will be learning all about the Battle of Britain: The people, the new technology, the events, and the planes. All of the elements that enabled the RAF to win the battle against overwhelming odds. We will also consider why it was such an important turning point in the history of Britain.

### **Geography:**

In Geography we will be learning about Europe: its rivers, cities and mountain ranges.

### **Art**

Jackson Pollock, the abstract expressionist, and his art will be the focus for our studies in art this term. We will end by creating a piece of art in the same style.

### **English**

#### **Writing**

We will start the term with fictional writing. The theme will be 'outsiders' and we will be working towards writing a story set during the Battle of Britain. Grammar and punctuation will be taught as part of the build up to our final pieces.

Non-fictional writing will be linked closely to our history focus and will involve writing persuasive letters, balanced arguments, and explanations. We will use debate and discussion as we journey to our final written pieces.

On Thursdays the children will be writing narrative poetry with Mr Barron, again linked to the Battle of Britain.

#### **Spelling**

We will follow the Read Write Inc. Programme in our spelling lessons. These sessions focus on learning spelling rules and patterns. Spellings sent home will either be year group focus words or spelling rules that need further practice. Suggestions on how to learn and practise the spellings are included in the children's homework books.

#### **Reading**

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will continue to lie at the heart of our English Curriculum.

At school, children will be involved in guided reading, focusing on deduction and inferential skills. Guided comprehension and related reading activities will also continue for all of the children during our reading carousel. Please continue to support and encourage your children to read at home as this is so very important in building both their pleasure in reading as well as their reading speed, stamina, and fluency. Please also encourage your child to complete their book reviews.

The children will be able to change their books daily. If they have a favourite author, and would like to read a similar genre, or story in a similar style, we now have a resource to help them find a new 'good read': 'Who Next ... ?' edited by Viv Warren and Mary Yardley. The children will have the opportunity to change their library books fortnightly.

### **Maths**

The main focus for our Maths lessons when investigating number will be place value; this will be with Mrs Barmby. On Thursdays Mr Barron will be investigating shape with the children.

### **Homework**

This term homework will be given out on a Thursday and will need to be handed in on a Wednesday.

Weekly homework will consist of: **Reading, Spellings, Times Tables** (practice using TT Rockstars) and **Maths**.

**Spellings** will be tested each week on a Wednesday.

In addition, there will be a **Talk and Write** homework activity once a month.