



# WWII: Evacuees



Autumn Term:  
1<sup>st</sup> Half Term  
4<sup>th</sup> September – 18<sup>th</sup> October

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2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term  
29<sup>th</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Values, PSHE & RE Topics

Our **PSHE** this term will be linked to the core values: Hope, Creativity, Thankfulness and Generosity.

On Friday mornings Mr Gernert will teach **Music** and Mrs Simpson will be teaching **German**. **PE** lessons will be swimming on Tuesday mornings and games on Friday afternoons with Mr Barron.

In **RE** the focus will be: Celebrations. Why do we celebrate? What different events/times of life do we celebrate? How do different people celebrate things differently? How does celebration relate to remembrance?

**Science:** As scientists, we will be learning about "Humans including Animals". We will look at the importance of the right type and amount of nutrition as well as the functions of skeletons and muscles. In the second half term we will be focusing on the digestive system in humans and animals and the functions of teeth. Children will learn more about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in the context of teeth, digestion and the food chain. In addition, they will extend their understanding of food chains to more complex chains and food webs.

## More about our other curriculum areas:

### History: WWII: Evacuees

As historians, we will be answering the questions: What was WWII and when, where and why did it take place? The focus will be how the war affected people, including children.

### Geography: Map Skills

As geographers, the focus will be on map skills and we will be using maps and atlases and finding out about: the different compass points; how to use grid referencing and what the symbols mean on an Ordnance Survey Map.

### Art: Inspirational Artists

As artists, not only will we be creating several pieces of art linked to WWII but we will look at David Hockney and his recent work using an i-pad to create artwork.

### DT

Linked to our History focus, we will be baking some WWII favourites, including egg-less sponge cake.

## Homework:

This term homework will be given out on a Monday and will need to be handed in on a Friday. Weekly homework will consist of: **Reading, Spellings, Times Tables** (practice using TT Rockstars which all children have a log-in for) and **Maths**.

**Spellings** will be tested each week on a Monday. In addition, there will be a **Talk and Write** homework

## English:

There will be close links between our history topic this term and our reading and writing. As writers, we will focus on narrative writing. We will be looking at the book "Friend or Foe" by Michael Morpurgo which is set during WWII. The children will be consolidating their knowledge of different sentence types, punctuation and word classes and adding to their knowledge and understanding of these areas too. They will be planning and writing their own story about being an evacuee with an emphasis on using a variety of different sentences and imaginative description. In addition to this, during this term, they look at instructional writing and recounts with a focus on letter writing. Alongside this, further punctuation and grammar skills will be consolidated which will further enhance the children's writing.

## Spellings:

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.

**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 developing literal retrieval, 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 child to read at home as this is so very important in building both their pleasure in reading as well as their stamina and fluency.

Each group will be able to change their books on one day of the week. They will bring home two books: their reading book and one chosen by them from the library. The children will be able to change their library books during one lunchtime each week.

## Maths:

The focus for our Maths lessons will be number. As mathematicians, we will be learning all about: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions. In Geometry the focus will be position and direction and properties of shape.

There will also be a focus on Times Tables, so please encourage your child to learn these, as these underpin many of the concepts taught in school.