



WWII: Evacuees



Autumn Term:
1st Half Term
6th September – 21st October

Autumn Term:
2nd Half Term
1st November – 17th December

Values, PSHE & RE Topics

Our **PSHE** this term will be looking at the topic 'Be Yourself' where we will learn about pride, our feelings, expressing ourselves and how to make things right as well as being assertive.

On Thursday afternoon **PE** lessons will be with Mr Barron and Mrs Simpson will be teaching **German**. Mr Gernert will teach **Music** on Friday afternoons.

In **RE** the focus will be around the question;- What does it mean to live a good life? We will explore this through the guidelines and laws in various religions and non-religious world views.

Science: As scientists, we will be learning about "Humans including Animals". We will be learning about animals and lifecycles. We will find out about the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival. In the second half term we will be focusing on the importance of healthy eating and diet. We will explore human and animal skeletons and muscles, discovering how these work for support, protection and movement. Children will learn more about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in the food chain.

More about our other curriculum areas:

History: WWII: Evacuees

As historians, we will be answering the questions: Who were the leaders during World War II? Who was evacuated and why? What was life like for an evacuee?

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

During art we will focus on the skill of printing. We will also be looking at the art work of David Hockney this term.

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

Homework:

This term homework will be given out on a Wednesday and will need to be handed in on the following Monday. Weekly homework will consist of: **Reading, Spellings, Times Tables** (practice using TT Rockstars which all children have a log-in for) and **Maths**. Year 3 will also have **English** homework.

Spellings homework will be given out initially on a Wednesday and then when the children have finished a unit of Read Write Inc.

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 "Wave Me Goodbye" by Jacqueline Wilson 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 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.