

What are we learning about this term?

Theme

Our themes this term are 'Dragons' and the 'Home Front'. In our 'Dragons' theme we will be discovering and investigating dragon's eggs. During our 'Home Front' theme we will study events within World War Two and how the war affected children and people at home. Understand why children were evacuees during the war, describe and understand rationing during the war and investigate what life was like at home including transport, jobs and schooling.

English

As writers, we will;

- Write a letter to The National Museum of Strange Objects.
- Write a newspaper report about the discovery of a dragon's egg.
- Write a description of our own imagined dragon.
- Read and reply to letters from evacuees.
- Write an evacuee poem.
- Write non-chronological reports about:
rationing, building Anderson and Morrison shelters and life as evacuees (using real life witnesses and videos of *Goodnight Mister Tom*).

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Mathematics

As mathematicians, we will;

- Solve problems involving division.
- Practise our number facts using the Total Recall programme.
- Use place value to solve addition and subtraction problems.
- Explore fractions of shapes, what is meant by a half, quarter, two-thirds.
- Explore time through timelines, sequencing key events of World War Two.
- Revise our times tables and apply these to solving practical problems.

Science and Foundation subjects:

- As scientists, we will investigate habitats and plant life cycles, investigating what plants need to grow and stay healthy.
- As geographers, we will carry out map work, investigating the countries involved in World War 2 and the places within Britain where evacuees were sent.
- As historians, we will investigate experiences of life during the war including finding out about the lives of children and their experiences as evacuees, exploring the lives of women and people who stayed at home and investigate ration books and why there were rations on food.
- As designers, we will design and construct a vehicle with a World War 2 theme.
- As musicians, we will listen to war time songs and create our own versions using Garage Band.
- In PE, we will master basic movements as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and collaborate to create a dance routine for the 'Lindy Hop'.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will be learning how Christians and Muslims live their lives and investigating the Chinese New Year and Easter.
- In Computing, we will learn how to keep ourselves safe online, compose and send an email, create a blog to share with another school and learn basic algorithms.

Class Routines

- Please ensure your child's reading book and planner is in school every day. New reading will be set twice a week with an emphasis on understanding the text, discussing key events and predicting characters' actions.
- Maths homework will be set on a Friday and returned the following Friday.
- Spellings patterns/rules will be given out on a Friday and children will have a spelling test on the following Friday. A bank of suggested activities will be sent home. Children doing one or more of these have demonstrated more effective spelling strategies in their schoolwork.
- Our value for this half term is 'generosity'. This will be part of our worship assemblies with children expected to reflect on Christian values.
- PPA will continue to be on a Wednesday, if your child has swimming they will still need to bring their PPA kit.
- Please provide children with drinking water or weak squash, a lot of strong squash/juice is being brought in.