

# What are we learning about this term?

## Theme

We have begun the year with a two week 'Traditional Tales' topic throughout the school. In Year Two, our focus texts are 'Rumplestiltskin' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

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;

- Be investigating similarities and differences between different Fairy Tales and Traditional Tales.
- Use the 'Show not Tell' approach to describe settings.
- Be sequencing stories.
- Write our own Fairy/Traditional Tale.
- 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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## Year 2



### Mathematics

As mathematicians, we will;

- Solve problems involving multiplication and division.
- Practise our number facts using the Total Recall programme.
- 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.
- Make different amounts of money using a variety of coins.

## 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 went to.
- 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 what Christians and Muslims believe and how they live their lives.
- 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.

School Value - Our whole school value for this term is 'Thankfulness'

### Class Routines

- Maths homework will be given out weekly on a Monday to be handed back in on the following Friday (set/due dates will be at the top of each piece).
- POWer Project homework will be given out on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January and is due to be handed in on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.
- Every Friday, your child will continue to receive a list of spellings to be learnt by the following Friday.
- Books for our online reading scheme 'Bug Club' have been allocated for this term. If your child's login does not work, or you do not know the details, please speak to their class teacher. Your child's Active Learn account will also provide an exciting choice of interactive maths games. This is a fantastic resource to prepare your child for SAT's.
- Both classes will have PE every Friday. Please ensure your child's indoor PE kit remains in school during term time.
- PPA will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon for which your child will need to wear their outdoor games kit (trainers, socks (if wearing tights), blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, and a navy or black sweatshirt if necessary).
- Swimming will still take place within PPA sessions - further information about when your child will need their kit will be sent out in advance.
- Information about the school's 'Total Recall' maths facts scheme can be found in the back of your child's planner. These skills will be checked throughout the year, so please support your child in learning their number facts.
- Forest School for Year 2 will take place this term to support our topic and science work, you should have received a letter explaining this, please see your child's class teacher if you are unsure.
- Your child will continue to read twice a week with their teacher/teaching assistant and books will be sent home. The focus for reading in Year 2 is ensuring reading is fluent and expressive. Also children must show an excellent understanding of the text and be able to discuss the events, characters, settings and make predictions about what might happen next. It is essential that you support your child by reading with them for at least 10 minutes a day.
- We hope you can attend our SATS information meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 5pm.
- Year Two will be visiting Coventry Transport Museum on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Further information will be given nearer the time.
- On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Reception and KS1 will be performing a Mothers' Day Assembly.

**If you have any queries please speak with your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Long and Miss Witts.**