

Spring Term Curriculum Overview

English

At the start of this term we will be focusing on our World War II topic and creating our own stories using flashbacks.

Related to our class book, Letters from the Lighthouse, we will be analysing the characters and settings, before creating our own descriptions. We will also be writing our own diary entries and letters related to the story.

Autobiographies and Biographies will be a focus for the second part of the term. We will be looking at 'The Diary of Anne Frank' looking at how an autobiography is structured. Children will then create their own biography based on a famous figure from WW2.

In our whole class reading sessions children will have targeted input on how to answer specific questions about a text. During these sessions children will become more familiar with answering SATs type questions.

Topic

World War II

In this topic, we will travel back to 1939 when Britain was at war.

The children will learn how to use maps, atlases, etc. to locate countries that were involved in the war and major cities in Britain that were affected.

We will also be learning about the key world events that led to World War 2 and the experiences of the people in Britain at that time. This will include topics such as evacuation, the Blitz and rationing. They will be reflecting on the impact of the war in Britain and the rest of the world.

In Art and DT we will be refining our sketching and painting techniques to create some wartime art, as well as building our own Anderson shelters.

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Science

During this term, the children will be learning about 'Light'. They will learn how light travels and how this enables us to see different objects. They will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate refraction, carrying out some fascinating experiments into the effects of bending light.

In the second term we will also be investigating electricity and circuits. The children will have the opportunity to make simple circuit games. They will be able to present circuits using symbols.

PE

PE will take place on Mondays and Fridays. Monday's session will be Dance, taught by a specialist PE teacher and on Friday Mrs Simpson will be teaching Real PE. The children will need a labelled PE kit, and outdoor clothes and trainers.

Mathematics

This term the children will be learning to:

- Convert between fractions, decimals & percentages.
- Solve problems involving the calculation of percentages.
- Convert between miles and kilometres.
- Recognise that shapes with the same areas can have different perimeters and vice versa.
- Recognise when it is possible to use formulae for area and volume of shapes.
- Calculate the area of parallelograms and triangles.
- Use simple formulae.
- Express missing number problems algebraically.

RE and PSHE

This term we will be studying Buddhism and learning about who was Siddhartha Gautama was and how he became Buddha. They will also learn what Buddhists believe and how they worship. The children will be challenged to think about what they believe about life, death and everything in between.

Homework

Reading: Children are asked to read **every day** and have their reading records signed by a parent/ guardian, ready to be checked the following day.

Maths and English – Homework will be given out on Thursdays to be returned by the following Wednesday.

Spellings: given out on Friday to be learnt for following Friday's test.

PLEASE ENSURE THE CHILDREN HAVE THEIR READING BOOKS EVERY DAY.