Class 4 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2 – World War II



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. This half term is all about history. We will be learning about the events of World War 2 and how it affected the children of the day. How did World War 2 begin, what events led to the war and how did it affect children living at home in the UK? The children will explore artefacts, photos, and accounts of the events by people who lived through those difficult times. As part of our art sessions, we will be examining the work of Edward Ardizzone. He was a prolific war artist who often recorded the realities of war for our soldiers and people at home.





In English, we will be exploring the novel 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian. We will be exploring our World War 2 theme through this story of two people living through the events of the war in the UK and the bond that develops between them. We will be exploring the text by asking questions, developing our inference skills and exploring the themes of the text through closer investigation of the characters thoughts and actions. Our reading sessions will focus on nonfiction and on key reading skills, exploring our understanding of texts and being able to find and retrieve information from a range non-fiction types. Ask the children about their 'Vocabulary Ninja' words of the day to encourage them to explain their understanding. Please allow time to discuss what children are reading at home and allowing the children to explain their understanding of what they have been reading.



We will continue to regularly send reading books home and aim to change these as regularly as possible. Please ensure that these home readers are in school every day as reading takes place regularly in school, either with myself and Mrs Spencer or during the reading workshops.

Home learning will continue to go home every Thursday so please ensure that home learning is back in school each Tuesday to allow us time to check and give out the new home learning.

In Maths we will continue to focus on basic skills, the four operations and their understanding of number. This half term we will also be exploring different types of angles, fractions and ratios and measurements. Every day we will be exploring mental and written strategies and exploring a range of methods to solve addition and subtraction problems. What do they understand and how can they explain their reasoning clearly.

In our R.E. lessons, the children will be learning about Islam and asking the question, should religious teachings affect our lives today?

P.E will take place on Friday afternoon. Please ensure that the children have their PE kits in school throughout the week. Please do not send your child in earrings on P.E. or swimming days as, even if they can be removed, there is always the worry that things will be lost! **This half term, Class 4 will be swimming so please ensure that you have your swimming kit and goggles on a Monday.** Please note that the pool has made it clear that if children arrive wearing earrings they will not be permitted to swim and they must be removed before they arrive at school.



Do not hesitate to contact me when needed.

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