



### **A Child's War**

A siren sounds, a building crumbles, a Spitfire zooms overhead. Take cover. It's 1939 and Britain is at war. Deep down in the Anderson shelter, learn why nations are fighting and why child evacuees must make the long journey from their homes and families into unknown territory. Read the diary of Anne Frank, written whilst hiding from the terrifying stormtroopers in a secret annexe, and try to empathise with her hopes and fears. Make do and mend. Cook up a family meal from meagre rations. Delve deep into a bygone era, when loose lips sunk ships. And, as peace is declared, let's get ready to celebrate. Mr Churchill says 'It's an unconditional surrender.'

### Science

Our science topic this term is light. We will begin by looking at what light is, where it comes from and how it travels. We will then discuss the 'ball and hoop model' to explain how humans see as well as how reflections are created and how reflections were used during WW1 to help soldiers to see over the top of trenches. Finally, we will explore refraction and how this can create optical illusions and Isaac Newton's discovery of the colour of light.

### Numeracy

Our focus this term is preparing for our SATs at the end of May. We will continue to have a **times tables test** and an arithmetic test every **Friday** (please ensure that your child practises their times tables and calculation methods each week).

This year, we will be using a scheme called White Rose Maths. Our lesson progression will be available on our class page on the school website for you to see what we are learning about in class. On our page, you will also find downloadable Maths textbooks for you to support your child at home.

### Music

We will explore the role of music during WW1 through class singing and language and rhythm activities, as well as reflection on the history and background to World War 1 - from the serious aspects of trench warfare and the loss of life on a huge scale, to some light-hearted moments reflecting the ironic humour shown by troops at the time.

### Literacy

**READING:** With our SATs tests in May 2020, children **MUST** be reading regularly at home to an adult (at least 10 minutes, 5 times a week). We try to keep our reading books up-to-date with the latest releases so please encourage your child to change their book regularly.

**SPELLING:** We will have a weekly **spelling test**, every **Friday**. Spellings will be sent out at the beginning of term and are available on our class page on the school website. Please ensure that your child learns these each week.

**GUIDED READING:** To help improve our reading comprehension, we will have guided reading twice a week. Our text this term is Goodnight Mr Tom.

### PSHE

In these unprecedented times, it is important that we focus on our mental wellbeing. PSHE lessons will explore: Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.

### RE

In our RE lessons we will discuss how Darwin's ideas on evolution were controversial with the Church and whether you can be both a scientist and a Christian.

### Computing

We will develop our computing skills by: using the internet to search and create a timeline of the Battle of Britain; recording our own speech to motivate the British people and create a PowerPoint presentation (with animations) to demonstrate what we have learnt about WW2.

### DT

We will look at the designs of Anderson and Morrison shelters and why they were so successful in keeping people safe. We will then design and build our own before testing its strength. We will also taste some typical ration recipes.

### MFL - French

In term 3, we will learn how to talk about our daily routine and the times we do things. In term 4, we will learn the names of various modes of transport and to say where we are going and where we have been.

### PE

Our PE lessons will be taught by Mrs Clarke on a **Tuesday** afternoon. Due to COVID-19, this term, we are asking children to come dressed in their PE kit on PE day. They **will not** need to change into school uniform after their lesson.