



Did WWI or WWII have the biggest impact on our locality?

Year 6 – Miss Ambler, Mrs Grec and Mr Smith

In this unit, the children will research and compare the impact of the First and Second World Wars on their locality. The focus of each lesson is on the Home Front and how the wars impacted on the community. They will make a number of visits around the local community to gather and check evidence. Throughout the unit, the children will be required to use the skills they have developed over the term, particularly those relating to local history.

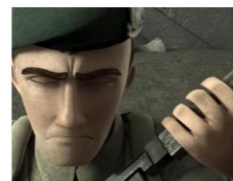
Key Vocabulary

Sources, evidence, reliability, bias, utility, memorial, thankful village, civilian, inscription, casualty, protected/reserved occupations, conscription, volunteer, Blitz, evacuee, Kindertransport, refugee, logbook, rationing, imports, rural, urban, propaganda, home guard, Zeppelins, Luftwaffe, barrage, shells, bombs, memorial, commemorate, symbolism, inscription, plaque, frieze, Tommy, patriotism, mourning.

Background Knowledge

The First World War broke out in 1914 between the Triple Entente of Great Britain, France and Russia, and the Triple Alliance of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy. The war was mainly fought in the trenches of Northern France and Belgium. There was also significant fighting in other parts of the world, including in parts of Africa and Eastern Europe. The Second World War was the first total war, involving everyone in many countries. It began in 1939 when Germany invaded Poland, and gradually every major country of the world became drawn in. It cost more than 50 million lives across the world.

Next term's class text is 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian. The children will be using this text to write a first person narrative. We will then be using a video called 'Beyond the lines' to write a setting description. Within their writing, they will be looking to use grammatical features such as Alan Peat sentence types, a range of sentence openers and a variety of KS2 punctuation.



Within Maths, the children will begin by looking at place value in order to answer a range of problem-solving and reasoning questions as well as being able to read, order and compare numbers up to 10,00,000. We will then be moving onto looking at using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Please continue to encourage your children to access TTRockstars and Mathletics at home, as this will further develop their learning.



Below is an overview of what the children will be learning in other foundation subjects during Autumn 1:

Science – Evolution and inheritance

Design and Technology – Pulleys and gears
(Anderson shelter building)

PSHE – Being me in my World

RE – Do you have to believe in God to be good?

PE – Netball and Handball (Wednesday and Fridays)

Computing – How do I use a computer to present information effectively?

Pre topic learning

Here are a few ideas to introduce you to our topics for the autumn term. It would be brilliant if you brought any learning you have produced for the class working walls!

- Create your own evacuee suitcase out of an old cereal box and put in it what you need.
- Talk to friends or family about their wartime or post-war memories or experiences. Write down or record their responses.
- Write a story/diary/poem about the Blitz or being evacuated.
- Build a model of an Anderson Shelter using whatever materials you like.

Reminders

School starts at 8:50am, please ensure all children are in class for this time, doors are open from 8:40am.

Attendance target is 96%. Let's achieve this every week!

Reminder: Children should only bring water into school please. If your child doesn't have a water bottle, fresh water will be provided in school.

PE days – This will be confirmed on the first day in September.

No footballs and basketballs from home please, these will be provided.

Regular homework will be set for all children. This will consist of reading, spellings and maths, as well as the children engaging with the online platforms (Readings Eggs, SPAG.com and TT Rockstars). Again, details will be confirmed when the children start in September.