

Is it right to fight?



Our Learning

This term our topic will be 'Is it Right to fight'.

As Historians we will be studying Britain since the 1930s. We will be looking at factual evidence to find out what life was like during World War II. We will be researching what it was like to be a child who may have been evacuated and we will be exploring how scarce everyday essentials like food were. We will explore rationing and will try to recreate living conditions of the time.

As Geographers, we will be studying maps and globes to discover the places where fighting happened during World War II. We will also look at maps of this country to see where children were evacuated to and from.

During English this term we will be focusing on literature about World War II. Children will complete the reading of Anne Frank's diary & find out more about how some Jewish children went into hiding & survived. Children will write their own recounts from this era. We will also be developing our story writing skills linked to the historical topic of WW2 and will be reading War Horse by Michael Morpurgo.

As Mathematicians, we will be finding out about different types of angles and solving problems in relation to the rules of angles. We will continue to compare fractions with related denominators using equivalence and solve word problems. We will also learn decimal equivalents for halves, quarters, fifths, tenths and hundredths. Year 5 will also practise reading and interpreting data.

As Scientists, children will be learning about materials and how they change. We will test properties of materials, before looking at how materials dissolve, what a solution is and evaporation. We will also be looking at reversible and irreversible changes. Year 5 are also preparing to become space biologists and embark on a voyage of discovery by growing seeds that have been into space.

In computing, children will learn more about communicating information securely through an introduction to cryptography (the Science of keeping information secret) which will link in with children's WW2 topic.

In RE, children will be focusing on the question; are Sikh stories still important today? After half term we will be questioning how Jesus's followers have put his teachings into practice.

Important Reminders

Our class assembly will be on the 4th. Homework is set on a Tuesday and is completed by the following Tuesday. This consists of a piece of English and a piece of Maths each week in addition to the expected daily reading and timetable practise.

Swimming will continue to be on a Tuesday afternoon and PE on a Friday afternoon. This half term, we have a specialist teacher helping us to choreograph our dances.

We will be continuing to work alongside our volunteers from the BEE Programme and will be visiting the Bank of England Museum on Tuesday 19th April. Later on in the term, we hope to visit the Imperial War Museum.

Finally please don't hesitate to arrange a meeting to talk to any of us to raise any further questions or queries. Teachers are in the playground at least five minutes before the bell in the morning if you would like a longer conversation then do come and see us at the end of the day or arrange an appointment.

Year 5 Class Team