

## 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, using the book Rose Blance by Ian McEwan.

As Mathematicians, we will be managing budgets for our food product. We will be completing to see who can create the tastiest and cheapest meal. We will be calculating the quantities, cost and benefits of growing your own and continuing to focus on interpreting and justifying data.

As Scientists, we will learn that gases are one of the three states of matter and that matter can change from one state to another. We will investigate air as matter and explore air pressure & resistance and discover how we use gases in everyday life.

In ICT, we will be looking at examples of blogs and then using online tools to create our own sequence of blog posts on World War II.

As Artists, we will be using printing to create images of wartime Britain, including the Blitz. We will also be using rationing as a basis for 'making our own'. We will be exploring food products that can be made on a budget.

### Important Reminders

Our class assembly will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Your child will be given homework on a Thursday to be completed and handed in on the following Tuesday. He/she will have 1 piece of literacy and 1 piece of numeracy.

We are now having dance lessons on a Friday, which will replace Mondays PE session.

As part of our studies, we will be visiting the RAF Museum on the Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June. During this trip we will have the opportunity to complete a Blitz activity which will include; making a gas mask case, travelling back in time to meet an Air Raid Warden (watch out for Air Raids!) and then children can try on an authentic Second World War RAF uniform. We will also get the opportunity to watch an emotive sound and light show that tells the story of the Battle of Britain. Our original school building was damaged in the Blitz, so hopefully we can relate it to the history of our school and this will add significance to our learning.

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, but if you would like a longer conversation then do come and see us at the end of the day or arrange an appointment.