Year 5 Term 4 theme: World War II











Breadth:

As writers (English):

Core text for this term:

The Lion and the Unicorn by Shirley Hughes

- We will explore the genre of historical fiction, investigating how authors use historical events to tell compelling stories.
- We will look at how authors use language to contribute to meaning when they describe characters.
- We will investigate the differences between formal and informal language, including situations where formal language is used (including in essays and reports).
- We will write to discuss the experiences of evacuee children during WWII.
- We will continue to develop our editing skills

As readers (guided reading): Core text for this term:

When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle

- We will read with confidence, fluency and prosody.
- We will identify and discuss themes and conventions in and across a range of writing (fiction, non-fiction and poetry).
- We will discuss understanding and explore the meaning of words in context (vocabulary).
- We will make inferences from the text using evidence.
- We will be able to predict what might happen from details stated and implied.
- We will explain how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.

As mathematicians: division, multiplication (fractions), decimals & percentages, area and perimeter

- We will divide up to four digits by a 1-digit number using the formal written method of short division.
- We will multiply proper fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers.
- We will read, write, order and compare numbers with up to 3 decimal places.
- We will write percentages as a fractions.
- We will measure and calculate the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes in centimetres and metres.

As scientists: Earth and Space

- We will investigate the planets by exploring the heliocentric model of the solar system.
- We will investigate how the rotation of the Earth in relation to the sun causes day and night.
- We will explore what causes the amount of daylight and average temperatures to vary dependent on the season.
- We will understand the different phases of the moon.

As musicians: music and colour (Holi theme)

- We will explore how music can be represented by colours and create our own piece based on a colour of our choice.
- We will investigate effects created using voices.
- We will know that the duration of a note or phrase in music can be shown using a repeated symbol or the size of a symbol on a graphic score.

Being physically active: PE (Flag football)

- We will learn how to correctly hold and throw an American football.
- We will develop skills in throwing, passing, intercepting and running.
- We will understand the rules of play and apply these to games within a mini tournament.

As linguists (French): Chez moi

- We will learn how to describe our homes and name rooms and items found inside.
- We will learn how to express a variety of opinions.
- We will learn how to join two clauses with 'et' or 'mais' appropriately.

As computer experts: data

- We will explain that a computer program can be used to organise data.
- We will outline how ordering data allows us to answer questions.
- We will choose which attribute and value to search by to answer a given question (operands).

As historians: WWII

- We will understand how our knowledge of WWII is constructed from a range of historical sources.
- We will explain when, where and why children were evacuated during World War II.
- We will discuss and show an understanding of how evacuation experiences could be both positive and negative for the individuals involved.
- We will investigate the changes that British households had to make during WWII and the changing role of women during the war.
- We will challenge the traditional view of WWII and explore the narrative of the war from a global context.
- We will explore the impact of WWII on our locality.

As design technologists: frame structures

- We will explore different types of frame structure and explore how these might be constructed.
- We will design our own frame structure for a tetrahedral kite using evaluative skills throughout the design process, including making a prototype.
- We will construct our tetrahedral kite using knowledge gained during the design process.
- We will evaluate our final
- designs.

Religious Education: Christianity and Islam

- Key question: How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?
- Key question: what is the purpose of fasting and why is it important?
- We will explore the Christian belief that Jesus was the incarnation of God on Earth, sent to die as a sacrifice.
- We will learn about the events of Holy Week culminating in the crucifixion of Jesus.
- We will investigate the importance of fasting for Muslims during Ramadan.

As citizens (PSHCE): healthy mind, healthy body

- We will know the health risks of smoking and drinking alcohol.
- We will practise basic emergency aid procedures and know how to get help in emergency situations.
- We will explore how social media and celebrity culture promotes certain body types.
- We will describe the different roles food can play in people's lives and explain how people can develop eating problems (disorders) relating to body image pressures.

Key Vocabulary:

Blitz, evacuee, evacuation, rationing, air raid, resistance, propaganda, civilians, combat, solar system, rotation, sphere, spherical, axis, orbit, phase, planet, crucifixion, Easter, sacrifice, sin, Ramadan, fast, devotion, reflection, decimal, percentage, perimeter, area, prototype.

Curriculum

Drivers:

Curiosity:

- What happened to children in Britain during WWII?
- What was life on the Home Front like?
- What do Christians believe about Easter?
- Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan?

Knowledge of the wider world:

- Why should we challenge an Anglocentric narrative of WWII?
- Why is it important to appreciate a range of religious beliefs and customs?
- Why do we need to be more aware of how social media can affect our self-image and mental health?

Aspirations:

- Knowledge of different career paths, particularly in STEM industries.
- Understanding how historical events can influence current political situations both nationally and globally.
- Knowledge of how to lead a healthy lifestyle and be open about issues surrounding mental health.

Home learning:

- Weekly logging into Spelling Shed to practise the weekly spellings (6 games per week). Spellings can be practised in homework books too, if preferred.
- Weekly logging into Times Tables Rockstars (15 minutes to release other games).
- Reading 4 times per week, recorded into the reading diary. Reading diary to be handed in every Wednesday to be eligible for the readers' raffle (4 reads = 1 raffle ticket, 5 reads or more = 2 raffle tickets).
- 2 items to be chosen from the homework grid (to be handed in on the last Wednesday of term, 27th March).