



WWII

Year 5

Key Areas of Learning

This term, our main topic focus is WWII.

In English, we will be focusing on a picture book called Varmints and an animated film – The Piano. In Spelling and SPaG (Spelling Punctuation and grammar), we will be focusing on root word, suffixes, etymology and proof reading. We will continue to plan in reading for pleasure slots and spend time sharing and inferring in guided reading slots.

English

This half term, we are going to be focusing on the fantastic picture book Varmints by Helen Ward. Through sound scaping, character development and poetry we will become immersed in this inspiring world.

The Piano, an animated film by Aidan Gibbons is our inspiration for our next piece. Dialogue and diary entries will be our focus this time.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose Hub in maths this year. To kick start the half term, we will be spending time mastering different multiplication and division strategies. After this, we will learn to problem solve and reason with fraction, decimals and percentages.

On a Wednesday, we will be completing Big Maths Clics and learn its activities in addition to quick fire times tables to help bring our times tables up to the year 5 standard. Any support that could be offered at home will help your child significantly within lessons.

Other subjects – science, history, geography, computing, art, DT, MFL, music

Science will have a WWII focus this term – we will be covering the cycles of the moon, and electricity from a historical perspective. In history, we will be investigating how WWII affected the lives of children in Britain through studying rationing, evacuation and The Blitz. Geography will be centred around the areas of Europe affected by the war. In term 3, we will be using watercolour paints to re-create the Varmints front cover. We will also be studying the work of sculptor: Peter Randell-Page, who is our inspiration for this year's Big Draw Project – Living Lines. In term four, we will be preparing our gas mask boxes and identity cards for our STEAM trip in addition to designing and making WWII tanks. In music, we will be creating WWII soundscapes inspired by music from the war. In Computing, we will be coding to create Anderson shelters and we will use digital literacy to create WWII slide shows.

PSHCE/R.E.

In RE, we will be focusing on Hinduism and Christianity. In PSHE, we will be spending time reflecting on the rule of law, holocaust memorial day, individual liberty and mutual respect.

P.E.

On a Monday, Premier Sports coaches will continue to come and teach us sports skills. We will be doing hockey in our second PE slot.

Trips, Visits & Other

We are excited about our upcoming trip to the STEAM museum in Swindon. Here we will take part in a We'll meet again experience to really bring our topic to life.

The children will be taking part in a Performing and Creative arts workshop every Wednesday for 10 weeks.