

Year 6
Term – Autumn 2

**This term we will be
learning...**

Pupils will be learning all about the events and experiences that people all over the world went through during the time of World War 1 and World War 2.

They will use primary and secondary sources to investigate the events leading up to the wars and the events that unfolded throughout. They will also focus on the daily routines and limitations of war time and how this is similar or different to their lives today.

Pupils will have the opportunity to role play particular aspects of war time and get into character in a fabulous finish towards the end of the topic.

Lest We Forget



Educational Visits

This half term, children will have an in school experience and the opportunity to handle artefacts and speak to experts on this period of history.

Key Information

WW1 began on July 28, 1914 and lasted until November 11, 1918. Differences in foreign policies were to blame, although the immediate cause was the assassination of Austria's Archduke Ferdinand.

By the end of WW1, over 9 million soldiers had been killed, and another 21 million wounded. Over a million soldiers were killed in the infamous Battle of the Somme alone, including about 30,000 in just one day.

WW2 was started by Germany in an unprovoked attack on Poland. Britain and France declared war on Germany after the German leader, Adolph Hitler, had refused to abort his invasion of Poland.

WW2 brought a lot of suffering and hardship to many people. Families were broken up as men were sent to the front lines to fight, some never to return. Children were evacuated out of the cities away from the bombing. Shops ran extremely low on supplies and what they had was rationed.

English

- In Reading pupils will make and justify inferences using point + evidence + explain and identify effective language choices.
- In Writing pupils will learn to different forms of punctuation to add meaning to their writing. They will create a range of texts using language to build style and have an impact on their reader.

This half terms key texts are:

War Horse: Michael Morpurgo

Science

Evolution and Inheritance: Pupils will learn about how our bodies have adapted over time to manage their environment. They will also investigate the process of fossil formation and handle some fossils in the classroom. They will look at inheritance and how genes are passed on through families.

Mathematics

Number: Fractions Pupils will learn to:

- Simplify fractions
- Compare and order fractions.
- Add and subtract fractions
- Multiply and divide fractions by whole numbers
- Calculate decimal and fraction equivalents
- Recall simple equivalents between fractions, decimals and percentages

Computing

Coding

Pupils will learn to make their own video games using simple coding. They will understand how algorithms lead to outcomes when creating computer based programs.

You might like to join in with our learning at home by:

Reading

Visit the local library and look up the geography of the world wars. Where did they start? Which countries were involved?

Watching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qH-X9uWltxY> Look at some 'Horrible Histories' sketches and songs on Youtube. Ask an adult to watch with you!

Doing

Create a diagram of your daily routines and lifestyle which can be used for comparison when we begin our learning.

Visiting

Visit the Imperial War Museum to learn about life during the wars. Visit the Churchill War Rooms (Westminster).