

English	Maths	Theme: <u>'World War II'</u>		What you can do to help your child this half-term:
<p><u>Reading</u> Across the course of the year we will read a wide variety of texts written in different styles and for different purposes. In the Autumn, we start by reading David Walliams' 'Grandpa's Great Escape', as well as reading excerpts from other WWII children's fiction.</p> <p>We will also read and review an assortment of non-fiction texts, looking specifically at how they present information about our topic in different ways.</p> <p>The children will read to an adult regularly in either guided reading sessions or on an independent basis.</p> <p><u>Writing</u> We will be writing in a variety of styles and genres with the children mirroring the style of the narrative texts we use as our class texts. Later on in the term, the children will be taking on the role of evacuees and writing letters to one another here at school.</p> <p><u>SPaG</u> The children will be taught the necessary spelling, punctuation and grammar rules for the beginning of Year 5. We will have regular practice within our English sessions and regular, standalone short SPaG sessions as well.</p>	<p>In the first term of Year 5, much of the maths curriculum is focused around number work. We will begin with a focus on place value and deepening our understanding of the number system.</p> <p>We will then move on to looking at the four operations. The children will practice their calculations using formal written methods as well as honing their mental maths skills.</p> <p>Arithmetic will be completed on a Friday morning, there will be a quiz of the elements of the maths they have learnt in the week. The children will keep a record of their scores and develop their understanding of what they need to rehearse more and what they have understood well.</p> <p>As we move through the term, the children will complete a detailed unit of work on fractions.</p> <p>The children will have regular practice at applying their skills to solve mathematical problems and develop their reasoning abilities.</p>	<p>The children will be learning all about the life and times of a range of people during WW2 as well as the key events of the war.</p> <p><u>History</u> - The children will learn about many historical aspects of the war such as The Blitz, evacuees and rationing to name just a few. We will learn about significant individuals such as Winston Churchill and Adolf Hitler.</p> <p><u>Geography</u> - The children will use maps to identify and locate the several countries involved in WW2. We will also spend time looking at how our local area was impacted during the war, with a specific focus on Chelmsford's Marconi radio technology.</p> <p><u>Art</u> - The children will study two artists who have produced work based upon WW2: Henry Moore and Georgia O'Keefe. We will produce pieces such as Blitz silhouette pictures and one-point perspective drawings.</p> <p><u>DT</u> - The children will have the chance to design, create and evaluate their very own model Anderson shelter using a range of materials in school.</p> <p><u>Music</u> - Sounds and music from the WW2 era.</p>	<p><u>Computing</u> - The three units covered in computing this term are: databases, 3D Modelling and Online Safety.</p> <p><u>Science</u> - In science we will complete a combination of practical and written work and the children will study two physics based units this year: properties of materials and forces.</p> <p><u>PE</u> - The children will continue to have two weekly PE sessions. On Tuesday mornings, the children will be taught by Mr North. They will also have PE on a Friday where we will be focusing on some indoor games (badminton), fitness and skills this term.</p> <p><u>RE</u> - For RE we follow the agreed Essex syllabus and we will continue to discuss various religions, beliefs and traditions throughout the year.</p> <p><u>MFL</u> - The children will continue to build on their skills from previous years and practice using the Spanish language, in spoken and written contexts. We will be learning how to discuss our local area to begin with before moving on to discussing activities, hobbies and leisure time.</p>	<p align="center">  </p> <p>The children should practice and learn their times tables fully and develop their mental maths skills.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is important that the children read each night and are regularly questioned on what they've read to help improve their comprehension.</p> <p align="center">  </p>
<p><u>Advance Trip Notification:</u> As you are aware, we will be visiting the 'Nuclear Races' for a WW2 themed assault course on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Details have already been circulated, but if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.</p>	<p><u>PE Days</u> This term PE will be on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please ensure that children come to school in full PE kit on these days.</p>	<p><u>Homework</u> The children will continue to complete homework activities based on their reading book as in previous years. They will also be given a short maths activity each week and an occasional topic based project. Spellings will be set and tested on a weekly basis.</p>	<p>As always, if anyone has any questions or queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me. Likewise if you believe you have anything worth sharing, particularly in relation to WW2, please do come and discuss this as I am sure it would enhance our topic this term. We are especially interested to hear of anyone who might be able to give us an insight into life during the war and the surrounding times.</p> <p align="right">Signed: Mr Lole - <a href="mailto:mr.lole@chancellorpark.essex.sch.uk">mr.lole@chancellorpark.essex.sch.uk</a></p>	