



Eagles - The Home Front




Start Date 3rd January 2018	End Date 28th March 2018	English
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Values, PSHE & RE Topics

Our **PSHE** this term will be linked to the core values: Compassion and

Mr Gernert will continue to teach R. E. on Friday mornings and this term the children will be studying Judaism. Music will also be taught by Mr Gernert on Fridays.

PE lessons will be on Wednesday afternoons, and the focus inside will be gymnastics whilst outside it will be orienteering.

Science: In science we will be learning about Animals including humans. This will include identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system as well as describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will also investigate the impact of diet, exercise and lifestyle on the way people's bodies function; including thinking about rationing during the second World War.

Computing: ICT will be used throughout the curriculum and taught discretely on Thursdays by Mrs Millard.

More about our topic: The Home Front

The Battle of Britain was a pivotal moment for the people of Britain and this will be the starting point of our topic this term.

Once invasion by Germany was no longer a threat, how did people at home live and support the men on the front line? This will be the main focus of our historical enquiry this term.

As artists the children will develop their printing skills when producing propaganda posters. In addition they will design packaging for food that they have cooked – rationing will be a factor to consider too.



Class Trip on Tuesday 30th January 18: The Evacuee Experience

An immersive learning experience – What would it be like to leave your family and go to live in the countryside?

Once again there will be close links between our 'Topic' this term and our reading and writing. To start with we will focus on narrative writing; planning, drafting and editing a story set during World War II.

Another genre that will be studied in some depth will be persuasive writing. This could be producing persuasive posters or letters related to how people lived throughout World War II.

We will also use our recount writing skills learnt during Term 1 to record learning and understanding about The Home Front. Alongside this, new punctuation and grammar skills will be developed which will further enhance the children's writing.

We will follow the Read Write Inc Programme in our spelling lessons. These sessions focus on learning spelling rules and patterns. Spellings sent home will either be 'common exception' words (words that are frequently used but that don't necessarily follow common spelling rules) or spelling rules that need further practice.

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will continue to lie at the heart of our English curriculum.

At school, children will be involved in guided reading and this term we will share a whole class book: *Carries War*. Each week we will read part of the story and then complete follow-up activities based on what we have read together. Through questioning, discussion and writing activities the children's deeper understanding of what they have read will be explored and developed. Guided comprehension will also continue for all of the children.

Please continue to support and encourage your child to read at home as this is so very important in building both their pleasure in reading as well as their stamina and fluency. Each group will be able to change their books on one day of the week. They will bring home two books: their reading book and one chosen by them from the library.

Maths The focus for our Maths lessons when learning about number will be: Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages. In Geometry we will be looking at 'Position and Direction'; this will also be used during our P. E. lessons with orienteering.

Home School Topic.

This term to support the children's topic learning it would be great for them to create any item (picture or model) linked to the Battle of Britain or life on the home front. For example, this could be a model of an aeroplane which took part in the battle, an Anderson shelter, an air raid search light.