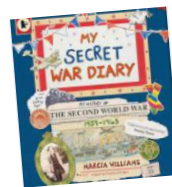




Eagles Class

Term 1 Newsletter

'World War 2'



Dear Eagles Class Families,

I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday! Our topic for Term 1 is 'World War 2' and our big questions for the term are: 'What was life like on the Home Front? Why is it so difficult to be sure?'

Our key texts for this term are 'My Secret War Diary' by Marcia Williams, 'Letters to the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll and 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian. Our topic work this term will be based on war at home, considering how the Second World War started and the use of propaganda to encourage people to join the war effort. Our PE day is a Monday so please send your child into school in their kit each Monday. For Term 1, our Forest School dates are Friday 27th September and Friday 18th October: please send your child into school in their Forest School kit on those dates with a change of clothes, including shoes, (this does not need to be uniform) in case they get too muddy.

We are looking forward to PGL in a couple of weeks' time! We are putting together the final arrangements and will write to you again with any final information you need next week.

Homework:

I will write to you in full about homework after PGL but below is a short summary of how homework will be set across Key Stage Two. Please be aware that this applies to the majority of children, although some children will have individualised aspects to the homework which I will speak with you separately about once some initial assessments have been done. We will be using CGP books for maths and grammar/spelling and each child will get one of each for their year group. All children are expected to be reading at home aloud at least 3 times a week.

All homework will be due fortnightly on a **Monday** and will be a few pages of the CGP Maths and Grammar workbooks. The homework will be marked in school and brought home again. Completed homework will be rewarded and celebrated in class to help the children begin to build habits of completing homework as they move up through Key Stage Two in readiness for secondary school. Homework that is not completed for children in Year 5 and 6 will be done during unstructured time in school. We will learn spellings in class and some of their grammar homework pages will be focused on spelling patterns: we will not be sending spellings home to learn. The spelling patterns for Term 1 are:

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Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- Who was Adolf Hitler?
- Why did WW2 begin?
- What does 'Propaganda' mean?
- Can you explain the difference between Morrison and Anderson shelters?
- What has happened so far in 'Letters to the Lighthouse'?
- Who are the main characters in the story? How do you feel about them?
- Can you predict what might happen next in the story?

Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items that support our topic, so if anyone has any items that may help us with any of the work above that we could borrow, we would love to share in school.


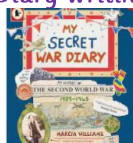



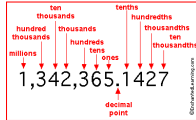























WW2 TRIP-We are looking to arrange a trip to Newhaven Fort so the children can develop an understanding of what it was like to at War on the Home Front. A trip letter will follow soon.

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a labelled water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Bastin

'World War 2' – Term 1 Learning Map

Literacy 	Diary writing 	Letters 	Narrative 
Maths 	Place value 	Calculation – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division 	Reasoning and word problems 
Science 	Forces and Magnets 		
Design and Technology 	Designing and make a model of an Anderson shelter 		
History 	What makes a War? 	Home front 	Winston Churchill 
PSHE 	Valuing Differences 		
Computing 	Programming - MicroBit 	Online Safety 	
RE 	Why do some people believe in God? 		
French 	Pleased to meet you 		
Music 	Appraising World War 2 Music and songs 		
P.E. 	Invasion games 	Net and Wall 