

This half term our topic is

World War II

We will be learning about the impact of the war on our lives nationally and internationally. The significant turning point in British history.

Literacy

Reading: We will identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and produce a summary. We will be increasing familiarity with a wide range of books including fairy stories, myths, legends and retelling these orally. We will identify themes and conventions in a wide range of texts.

Writing: Plan writing by discussing similar writing to their own, to understand structure, vocabulary and grammar. To draft and write compositions by rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue, progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures.

Grammar: To use and punctuate direct speech.

To extend the range of sentences with more than one clause, using a wider range of conjunctions.

Maths

Measurement

To find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares

- Examine rectangles and their properties
- Scaling area up and down
- Continue to measure using appropriate tools and units, progressing to using a wide range of measurements for the perimeter of 2D shapes

Science

The children are learning about forces and magnets. They will study friction and gravity and observe magnets and magnetic properties.

Art

The children will study animation. They will learn about the historical development of animation and create their own short film.

ICT

The children will be using the ZU3D animation programme to combine music and speech with their moving images.

Religious Education

The children will explore a range of religious stories and sacred writings and discuss their meanings.

Physical Education

To participate in competitive team games including hockey and handball.

Practice different skills associated with simple games (e.g. co-ordination, throwing and catching)

PSHE

This half term our focus is drug, alcohol and tobacco education. We will be looking at medicines why we take them and how to keep safe around medicine. We will also be exploring the impact of smoking.

History

Through this topic we will be studying the build-up to the war, the impact both nationally and internationally and the changes after the war.

Music

Our focus piece of music this half term is Three Little Birds by Bob Marley and exploring Reggae tunes.

Experiences

This half term the children will be 'Digging for Britain' - beginning to produce a vegetable patch.

We will be organising a visit to Exeter covering the 'Blitz' and a visit to Bovington Tank Museum.