

Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2

Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a lovely half term holidays and feel refreshed to begin the second part of the Autumn term.

This newsletter will provide you with information on Autumn 2. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

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Topic

Our topic this half term will be World War Two. We will be learning about different countries and leaders involved in the war, as well as the impact that the war had on civilians. We will be focusing specifically on The Blitz, refugees and evacuation.

These areas will be covered in our PSHE work on belonging and refugees.

In ICT, we will be linking our knowledge to World War Two to help us create our own movie. We will be acting as evacuees and filming the experience together. We will then experiment with manipulating the film slides, and then we will edit and finally evaluate our own work.

Literacy



This half term in Literacy, we will start by looking at war poems. As our topic is World War Two, we will be identifying the significance of poems to civilians during this time. We will also be writing, practicing and performing our own war poems!

We will also be developing our persuasive writing skills. We will be studying and creating our own persuasive adverts, whilst also developing our ICT skills in this area too.

Further to this, we will be looking at narrative to support and complement our topic on World War Two, with a focus on a text called Rose Blanche.

We will also be continuing to practice handwriting to encourage pride in presentation.



Reading



We will continue our Guided Reading sessions every day in Year 4. Please continue to read with your child every night at home and remind them to hand in their reading record cards every **Wednesday**. Please also continue to use **Reading Eggs** at home to support your child's reading!

Numeracy



Our first focus of the half term will be on measuring and time. This will include developing children's understanding of how to convert between units of measurement (for example, mm to cm and ml to litres), as well as practising converting time and applying our understanding to word problems.

We will be continuing our weekly mental maths test every Friday. The focus of this will be practicing the times tables that your child is working on. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their times tables, which they could do whilst using **Mathletics!**

Science



This half term, we will be learning about sound. We will link our scientific knowledge of sound to the air raids experienced in Britain during World War Two. We will learn how to create, measure and investigate sound, as well as conduct our own experiments in small groups.

Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday - Numeracy homework and reading cards due

End of Autumn 2 Term - Topic homework due

We will be booking trips too! We'll send letters home as soon as these are confirmed.