

English

We will start the new academic year by establishing routines such as guided reading, handwriting practice and comprehension practice. This term we will look at stories with a historical setting. We will read a story set in World War 2 & investigate the use of historical vocabulary, powerful verbs & vivid adjectives for settings & characters; use time connectives to link paragraphs in structured sequence. The children will then write a story of their own, consolidating their learning while changing the climax & resolution. We will also look at the use of figurative language in poetry and identify patterns of rhythm and rhyme. The children will choose a poem that they would like to perform to the rest of the class.

Computing

We will use the computers to research our topic of World War 2 then make Powerpoint presentations to present during class, using different techniques to make our slides more interesting to the audience.

French

This term we will be revising our numbers and building a bank of classroom language to help us with our French during the year. We will extend our knowledge with additional vocabulary and every week we will be "visiting the market" to practice everyday greetings in French.

Art, Design & Technology

We will be making a variety of projects to support our Topic learning including designing and making an Anderson shelter.



P.E.

We will be doing a variety of activities learning how to move efficiently.

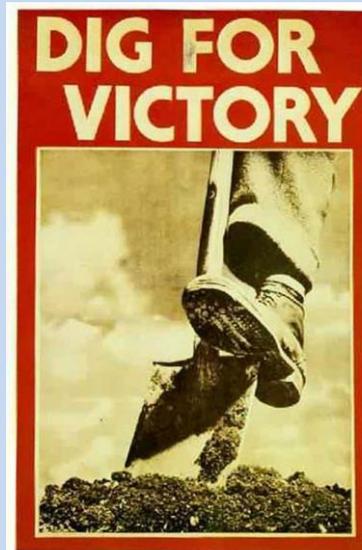
Music

We'll begin the Oxfordshire Voice and Instrument Programme. The children will develop their musical knowledge and skills under the leadership of Simon Grey.

Mathematics

We will begin by practicing some key maths skills such as recalling multiplication and division facts, doubles and halves of numbers, and adding and subtracting 10, 100 and 1000 from numbers. We will then look at place value and ordering and rounding numbers including decimals. We will then move onto our main focus for the rest of the term; column addition and subtraction of numbers in the thousands, short and long multiplication and short division (using the bus-stop method). Assessment of maths arithmetic and reasoning will take place before half term.

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History

During our history topic we will be learning about World War 2 and in particular the effect of the war on everyday life here in Britain. We will learn what the war meant for our immediate area. Our history topic will also feed into many of our other subjects, so for example, we will use our learning as a springboard to writing in English.

PSHE & RE

New Beginnings: we will establish Circle Time rules & routines as a regular way of exploring issues in PSHE. We'll explore class rules that will help us to work and learn together. We will begin our learning about world religions with an extension of our Indian religions from term 5 in Year 3..

Science

Our topic this term is electricity and children will construct simple circuits and draw them. They make hypotheses and test them to find which materials are the best electrical conductors and how switches work.

