'LEST WE FORGET'
Curriculum Newsletter



Our focus this term is to be upon World War II and the effect that it had on people at that time. As the years pass, access to primary sources from World War II reduces. Through their learning this term, the children will be able to study evidence and discover that viewing artefacts, reading about or listening to people's experiences enables us to have a clear insight into history.

A fantastic start to our learning about WWII saw your children arriving at school dressed in their wonderful costumes and they were subsequently 'evacuated'; learning how to respond as the air raid siren sounded!

Maths

Year 5 will be focusing on using their knowledge of place value to multiply and divide whole numbers whilst also investigating 'special' numbers including prime, square and cube numbers. Additionally, the children will be learning about fractions including comparing, ordering, and finding equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions.

Year 6 will be concentrating on improving and solidifying their understanding of fractions. They will also be simplifying and finding equivalent fractions. Additionally, they will be adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. At the end of the term, they will move on to converting between different units of measurement.

English

Year 5 will base their English work around the film narrative 'The Piano' and will be creating diaries from the perspective of a child evacuee from the time of WWII.

Year 6 will be writing fantasy stories based on a picture book. Thereafter, they will be studying different kinds of poetry and creating and reading aloud their own poems.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November

13th Children in Need Day

December

2nd REME Museum Trip (Y6)

3rd REME Museum Trip (Y5)

9th Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

11th FOMPS Christmas Shop

17th Christmas Service at Malmesbury Abbey

18th Last Day of term

January

4th TD Day

5th First day of Term 3





Your country needs you!

History



During this term, the children will be studying the timeline of the key events leading up to and during WWII and their effects on the country. In their learning, they will also be considering the reliability of primary and secondary sources of evidence and will be investigating life as a child evacuee and the impact of wartime on daily life in Britain. Additionally, the children will be locating different countries around the world and how they were linked during WWII.



Computing

In Year 5, the children will be developing their coding skills and in Year 6, the children will be learning about the different components of computers and networks.

Religious Education



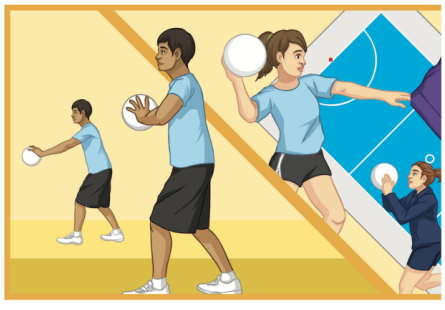
In Year 5, we will be exploring the belief that Jesus was the Messiah, together with considering the true meaning of Christmas for Christians around the world.
In Year 6, we will be continuing to consider the different aspects of the relationship that Christians have with God and preparing for our Christmas Service at the abbey.

PSHRE



This term, the focus will be on 'Connecting with Others'.
In Year 5, the children will be learning together about how to make and maintain supportive friendships and how families can support each other.
In Year 6, the children will be focusing on the importance of respect and fairness and how we can work together to stop bullying.

Music



In Years 5 and 6, the children will be learning about rhythm, using their percussion instruments to perform a song.

P.E.

In both Years 5 and 6, the children will be looking to improve their netball skills. Additionally in Year 5, the children will be focusing on circuit training. Whilst in Year 6, the children will be looking to improve their skills in dance and choreography.

Individual experiences and memorabilia are the best ways of engaging your children with the past.
We would be thrilled to hear by letter or video from family friends or members of your family who have knowledge of experiences of WWII or artefacts to share from that time period.

