

Year 3 Curriculum Information

Term 1

We hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and enjoyed the wonderful weather. We are delighted to welcome the children into Year 3 and excited to start the new academic year with our amazing *'World war II - On the Home Front'* topic. We will soon be rehearsing for our WWII themed show 'Escape the Blitz'.

We look forward to meeting you all at the "Year Group Welcome Meeting" on Wednesday 26th September in the hall at 9.00-10.00 a.m.

If you have any questions please feel free to email us or contact a member of the year 3 team and we will do our very best to help.

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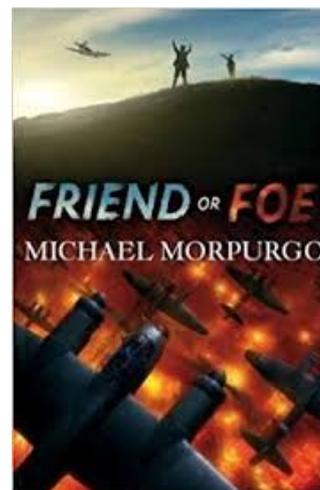
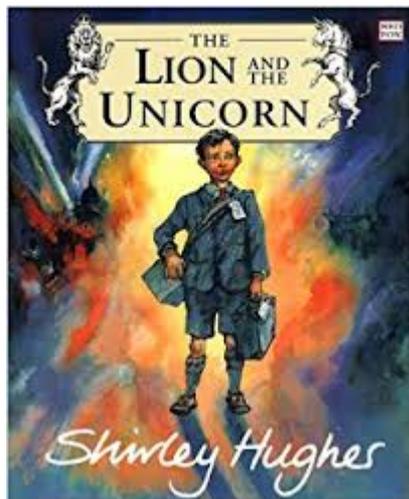
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Our topic and areas for learning this half term

We will be looking at the texts *Lion and the Unicorn*, *Escape the Blitz* and *Friend or Foe* throughout our topic.



At home it would be helpful if you could look at some non-fiction books on WWII so your child can find out some amazing facts about life at home during the war and evacuation.

Pop down to your local library and check them out!

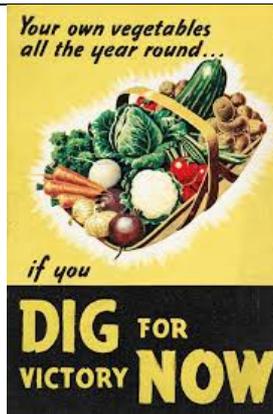
Newhaven Fort trip.
Tuesday 25th September 2018

We will be visiting Newhaven Fort to learn more about life during WWII where the children will experience a simulated air raid and have the opportunity to examine historical artefacts.

Geography: Throughout our study of WWII we will be learning about continents and their different countries.

History: Children will be learning about life on the Home Front during WWII.

Art: We will be experimenting with different materials to create war time skylines and creating our own wartime propaganda posters.



Science:

In science we are learning about nutrition and exploring the nutrient needs of different animals and humans.



Computing: We will be exploring e-safety and communication.

Maths and English

Maths and English will be taught daily. English will be made up of shared-reading, handwriting, spelling, grammar and a range of writing activities. Maths will include weekly objectives (See the maths section for further details). Additionally we will do times tables, fluency skills and practise the skills of each child's level for the 99 club. Children are not expected to reach the 99 club until they are in year 6.

Reading:

Children are encouraged to read every day as evidence shows that those who read at home regularly make better progress. Now that your child is in KS2 the reading focus changes from decoding of words to comprehension skills. It would be helpful if you could discuss characters, make predictions about the story and explore general understanding of the texts the children bring home.

Growth Mindset

Our whole school learning power for the autumn term is *Engagement* and our character that represents that learning behaviour is *the wide-eyed owl* and his name is Barney.



Barney Owl

I come in to school each morning ready to work.

I know what 'good listening' looks like.

I can listen to my teacher and my Learning Partner

I can concentrate on my work until I finish.

I enjoy learning.

Rights and Responsibilities

All children in year 3 are asked to follow the school rules as set out in the Rights and Responsibilities charter agreed by the school council. We have a 'Good to be Green' chart in every classroom and throughout the term you will be informed of positive behaviours that have resulted in your child being awarded silver or gold. Equally should your child fall significantly below the behaviour standards we expect you will be informed.

Homework

English: In addition to daily reading the children will have a list of words for Year 3 and 4 from the national curriculum. Please encourage your child to learn these words.

Each week your child will also have 10 words to learn linked to the spelling objectives they are being taught in class.

Maths: Homework will include activities set via the My Maths system each term as well as times tables and key maths facts, such as shape names, to learn.

Topic: Each term the children will be asked to complete one creative homework activity which may include model making, art, a science or computer based investigation. This term we are asking the children to make a model of a World War II Anderson Shelter.



General: We are delighted with how smart our year 3 children are at the start of the school year. Please ensure your child knows how to tie both their school tie and shoe laces. We will be having PE lessons on a weekly basis and it is important that all the children have the appropriate kit in school at all times.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

The Year 3 team.