

Academic:

This half term we are starting to think about why Britain went to war in 1939. We will learn about the allies and the axis, evacuation and the chronology of the war and we will also look at the slogan and messages which were used to encourage people with rationing.

In science we are going to learn about friction. We will investigate air resistance through a parachute experiment and we will also investigate water resistance.

We will start the terms literacy with poetry. This will be war time poetry initially linked to earlier wars. We will study Dulce et Decorum est and In Flanders Field. We will then move on to emotive poetry where we will write our own poems and put these to music and to video.

After poetry, we will have a look at Anne Franks Diary and we will do a virtual tour of the house she hid in in Amsterdam. Just before half term we will start work on newspaper reports.



Maths will consist of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also continue with our daily tough ten questions.

Character:

Our character education links very closely with PSHE where we will have lessons on relationships, being assertive, behaving appropriately and drug awareness.



In addition to this, we will use our character virtues as play leaders working with the younger children in school, lunch helpers and of course House Captains and deputies. We will also be voting for our new school council representatives.

We will continue to look out for children who regularly display their character virtues for certificates in our celebration assemblies.

Community:

Within our community we are lucky enough to have local places to visit which will hopefully inspire us to be more environmentally friendly. We will be visiting the Rexon Solar Farm near Roadford lake to see how solar power is produced. We will also have a workshop in school to make solar powered items.

In RE we will try to answer the question: What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving?



For MFL, we will use the Take Brittany scheme and learn about this beautiful region in France where there are many resistance harbours and bunkers left over from the time of German occupation.

Digital and Innovation:

As usual, our chrome books will play an important role this term as we will use them to make films for our poetry, to research our topics, for our Accelerated reader checks and to record many aspects of our learning.



In DT we will design a box to carry a gas mask; we will draw our own propaganda posters and we will do some war time cookery.