



Goodnight Mr Tom



Summer Term 2021

More about our topic...

This has to be one of the most interesting and sensitive areas of the history curriculum and one which still bears relevance to us today.

Through cross-curricular learning we will partake in varied tasks to expand and develop our understanding of WW2 and develop empathy for different people involved, including: evacuees, the land army, armed forces and key leaders. This will be done through varied writing, art and drama activities. We will sensitively introduce aspects of the holocaust, looking at the diary of Anne Frank, and will develop our knowledge of key events during this period, including the Battle of Britain.

To end the topic, we hope to be able to host a Street Party to recreate VE day celebrations. We may even be able to invite you to join us! Hopefully, the children will also showcase their work and share their learning with parents and carers.

Make sure you continue to keep an eye on our Class website page, to see the fantastic learning taking place!

English

In English, we will be continuing to improve our use of grammar and punctuation and develop our spelling knowledge using the Read Write Inc Programme.

This term we will be considering arguments for and against evacuation through debate and will be producing persuasive texts. We will develop our journalistic skills, producing newspaper articles which detail the events of the Battle of Britain from different perspectives. We will also look at the use of flashbacks within narratives to write our own stories based on *The Piano* by Adrian Gibbons. We will also be using this topic to explore poetic imagery.

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will continue to lie at the heart of our Literacy curriculum. Children will be involved in whole class guided reading, using a wide range of texts, linked to topic. They will take part in group discussions and will be encouraged to share their own views and reading interests. Through discussion and questioning comprehension skills will be developed, enabling children to increase understanding and appreciation of literature. Stars will continue to be awarded for evidence of regular home reading in diaries.

Maths

Our main focus for maths this term will continue to explore the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. Through a variety of fluency, reasoning and problem solving tasks – the class will become more confident with their understanding and application of these key mathematical concepts. We will then move onto covering the Geometry and measurement strands of the curriculum.

Science

During our science lessons we will be studying Properties of Materials. By the end of this topic we will be able to compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties. As well as this we will use our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. Throughout our lessons we will be learning to work scientifically and develop the skills needed to conduct our own fair tests.

Other

Our PSHE lessons will cover the relationship strands of the PSHE curriculum. Throughout these lessons we will be looking at healthy relationships including: Families and people who care for me, Caring friendships and Respectful Relationships. In Summer B, we will also be covering the changing adolescent body and begin to look at Aspirations, work and careers.

In RE we will be exploring Judaism. In particular we will look at life as a follower of the Jewish faith, in particular: Their beliefs, the Synagogue, Torah & Commandments, and Shabbat. We will also sensitively introduce teaching about the Holocaust.

PE will continue to be taught by POSH and by class teachers. PE days will be Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Music will continue to be taught every Thursday afternoon by Karl from Act II theatre company.

Computing

We will continue to use Purple Mash to support the delivery of high quality and meaningful computing lessons. This term we will develop our data base and spreadsheet computing skills and understanding. Children can access their Purple Mash accounts at school and at home. If the children need reminding of their Purple Mash login, these can be obtained from the class teacher.

Home learning to support work in school.

Tasks and challenges that we feel will support the children's learning in school will be set using Microsoft teams. In addition Spellings; recommended reading and number fact work will be added weekly.

Remember to keep an eye on the school website, especially on the Hawks page, to see updates and what we've been up to in class.

Thank you for your continued support!