

Welcome to Peacock Class ☺

I hope you all had a rest half term. Continuing with our topic 'Remember When', we will be focusing on World War II. As part of this we will welcome another visit from Mrs Dixon's daughter who is a history specialist: the class learnt so much from her last time. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see me or me a message to peacockparents@streetlanepriamary.org. We are no longer able to respond to message on DOJO.

English

In this term's English lessons, we will be focussing on the book 'Rose Blanche' which is about a little German girl that makes friends with a boy in a concentration camp and gets caught up in the war:

[Rose Blanche Read Aloud](#)

Linked to our History lessons, we will then be writing narrative extracts from different characters' perspectives and diary entries.

In the classroom we have a lovely display of books linked to World War II but if child was interested in finding out more or borrowing books from the local library, the websites below has some excellent suggestions:

[World War II Book Recommendations](#)

[More World War II Book Recommendations](#)

Within these lessons, the children will also be taught grammar that links to the pieces that they are writing. The grammar terminology can be quite challenging for them so our SP&G classroom posters are available on the website for support if needed at home.

Art, Design Technology

As well as making periscopes linked to our World War topic, we will be exploring how we can use drawing and different materials to create mixed media self-portraits.

Science

As part of the National Curriculum the children have to learn about different types of scientific enquiry. This half term we will be using the different types to answer the following questions:

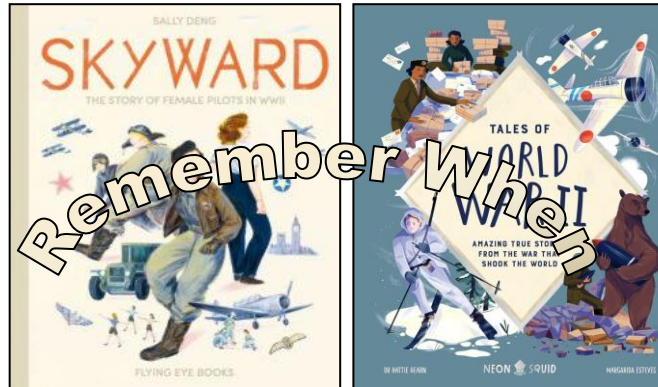
- Is there a pattern between what we eat for breakfast and how fast we can run?
- How could we group and classify liquorice allsorts?
- How does sugar affect yeast?
- How could the soldiers look over the trenches without getting injured?
- Who was Alan Turing? What impact did he have on World War 2?
- How can we get light through a maze without moving the light source?

History

Our lessons on World War II will focus on the following curriculum questions:

- How did World War 1 end and World War 2 begin?
- Was it necessary for children to be evacuated?
- How was Britain able to stand firm against the German threat?
- Britain at war: The Home Front – Why is it so difficult to be sure what life was really like on the Home Front?
- What else happened around the world during World War 2?
- How did World War Two end?
- What was VE Day really like?

To support this we will be using a range of beautiful books, including Skyward: The Story of Female Pilots and Tales of World War II: Amazing True Stories from the War that Shook the World.



Homework

Spelling tests will take place on Thursday mornings and spellings will be handed out on the Thursday for the following week. The lists can be found in reading diaries. The spellings for the whole of Autumn two are available on our class page on the website.

Reading

Please hear your child read and record this in your child's diary. This can be a school reading book, an online reading book or a reading material of your choice at home. We encourage the idea of reading for pleasure and the children reading what they enjoy.

Reading homework could even be heading to the local library every few weeks.

Maths

Online maths work is accessible at www.mathletics.co.uk and <https://trockstars.com/>

Maths

Place value with decimals continued

Multiplication and Division

Fractions

Comparing and ordering fraction and decimals

Computing

Your child will have focussed Computing lessons each term. This half term's focus will be on 'Data and Information – Flat Base Database'.

Across all areas of the curriculum, we will be using the internet for

Music

In music the children will be exploring the different instruments we have in school and the drawing of notes. Music will be taught by Mrs. Cooke.

PE

PE will take place every Tuesday afternoon with Isaac. Children will need to arrive dressed in their PE kit for the day. This half term they will be learning the skills to play invasions games and some children will be taking part in Bikeability. **Polite reminder: Please ensure children have appropriate clothing for outdoor PE e.g. trainers, hoody, coat and hat. They must also bring a water bottle.**

RE

Our question this half term will be...

What would Jesus do? (Can we live by the values of Jesus in the twenty-first century?)

PSHE

This half term is anti-bullying week and the theme is 'Showing Respect'. All our lessons will be based around the theme and what respect looks like both offline and online.

[Anti Bullying Week Video](#)

[Books Linked to Anti-Bullying](#)