

A Child's War



A siren sounds and a Spitfire zooms overhead! It's 1939 and Britain is at war.

This half term, we'll imagine what it was like to be evacuated and live with a family other than our own. Using different source materials, we'll plot the Second World War's events on a time line, learn about rationing and wartime music. We'll identify safe and dangerous places during the war and make persuasive posters to support the war effort. We'll also learn about what life was like during the Blitz. In DT we'll cook delicious wartime food and make, do and mend bunting for our VE day parade. In PE we will become 'soldiers' and enter into a 'boot camp' to get fit for fighting! In addition, we'll explore light and shadows in Science as well as continuing to hone our French language skills and develop our EDGE leadership skills.

UNIT FOCUS	History	What can I do to help?
English	Persuasive letter writing inspired by Goodnight Mr Tom By Michelle Magorian. Information writing based around Anderson and Morrison shelters.	Any donations of old red, white or blue fabric/clothing/material gratefully received ASAP so we can begin to create our bunting. Thank you.
History	The Second World War	
Science	Light and shadow	
DT	'Make, Do & Mend' sewing, wartime recipes	
Geography	UK cities	
Art	Propaganda posters	
Music	Wartime songs and composition	
PE	Boot camp! Circuits.	
PSHE	Empathising with others	

The culmination of our topic will be our VE day parade **on the afternoon of 12th December** – we will prepare wartime food, sing songs, share our learning and **dress up for the day** as children from the era to celebrate the end of war.

There will also be a nod to WWI this half term (following on from our Hooke Court visit) as we have been invited to take part in the annual poppy poster competition as well as the centenary celebrations being organised by the Burton Bradstock Players.

Help your child prepare for their project

We'll meet again! Why not visit a local museum together to investigate how the Second World War affected your local area? You could also read an exciting fiction book set during the war. Alternatively, you could 'make do and mend', working together to create a model inspired by the Second World War from recycled materials or unwanted household items.