

# Learning Preview Year 2



Summer Term 1



World War Two

Our Themed Learning: This term we are stepping back in time to WW2. Having spoken to the children about what they would like to learn, and in line with the new National Curriculum we have created a series of exciting and age appropriate lessons. The children will be learning about how the war started, and who was involved. A large proportion of learning will be focusing on what life was like for the people of Britain. We will be welcoming visitors from inside and outside school to talk about their experiences or knowledge. If you know of anyone who would like to come in to talk, do let your class teacher know. Alternatively if a grandparent or neighbour is unable to visit they may wish to write down a short memoir.

## Learning in the Core Subjects

- In English we will be learning about recount writing. We will be basing our recount writing on our own experiences and then getting into character and writing fictional recounts based on WW2. We will then be basing our learning on the book by Shirley Hughes 'The Lion and the Unicorn'; we will write descriptions, book reviews and instructions. *Try to borrow this book from your local library to read at home.*
- In Maths we will be learning about money, how to find change and creating amounts using different coins. We will be problem solving and reasoning for example, 'which is the larger amount, 239p or £2.40? Explain your answer.' We will revisit time to five minute intervals; identifying '5mins past 3/3:05', as well as 'its 4:25am, use your clock to show me 15 minutes later than this'. The children will deepen their understanding of shape with a particular focus on 3D solids and identifying **edge**, **vertices**, **face** - ask us if you're not sure!
- In Science we will focus on forces and carry out experiments which will reinforce our understanding of push, pull, gravity, and friction. We will also be learning about hydropower and how we can use force to generate power. See <http://www.eschooltoday.com/energy/renewable-energy/hydro-energy.html> for more information.
- In computing we will learn how to create images using 2paint and then further our learning by creating simulations.

## Have you read or tried?

- The Lion and the Unicorn by Shirley Hughes.
- BBC History website - WW2

## English Week

18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April

## Vocabulary



- Home front - the people of Britain being actively involved in the war - factories, schools, forts.
- Evacuee - a person taken away from a place of danger.
- Hydropower - electricity created from machines that are run by moving water.
- Simulation - a model or program to reproduce a real life situation.

## Key questions...



- How long ago was WW2?
- How did WW2 start?
- What was life like during the war?
- What is a force?
- How does a force act on an object?
- How can we use forces in real life to help us?

If you would like more information on our learning this half term please see our 'Curriculum Maps' on our website under the link 'Our School.'