

# 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 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 about this topic**, 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 to share with us.

## 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 Shirley Hughes book '**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 continuing to learn about money and how to find change using the bridging method. For example, 'I bought a 19p pencil with a 50p coin. How much change did I get? We will revisit time to five-minute intervals, for example identifying five past 3, as well as 'show me 15 minutes later on your clock'. The children will deepen their understanding of shape with a particular focus on 3D solids and identifying edges, vertices and faces.
- In Science we will focus on plants. We will be looking at different types of seeds and how they are dispersed. We will be investigating what a plant needs to survive, planning and carrying out a controlled experiment. You might enjoy visiting this website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zpxnyrd>
- In computing we will learn how to create images using Microsoft Paint 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  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world\\_war2/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world_war2/)

## 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.
- Simulation - a model or program to reproduce a real life situation.
- Dispersal - the movement of seeds away from the parent plant

## Key questions...



- How long ago was WW2?
- How did WW2 start?
- What was life like during the war?
- How would you keep a plant alive?
- How can a seed travel away from the parent plant?
- What time does the clock say now?

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.'