

# World War II

**Literacy** - We shall be reading our class novel 'My Friend the Enemy' by Dan Smith to focus on Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanations, Retrieval and Summarising the plot. We will be meeting the author on 'Zoom' to allow us to discuss his book and hear what it takes to be an effective writer. We will be revisiting important writing skills (fronted adverbials, noun phrases, direct speech, paragraphing, using commas etc) and working towards an independent piece of imaginative writing set in WWII which incorporates all of these.

**Maths** - We begin with a topic on geometry, looking at 2D and 3D shapes, comparing angles, using a protractor to draw accurate angles, and using the known properties of shapes to calculate missing lengths and angles. We move on to look at measures, including converting metric to imperial units. It continues to be vital for the children to know their times tables with rapid recall.

**DT** - Our DT topic will focus around food technology. We will be looking at recipes from WW2 and having a go at recreating them.

**History** - We will be learning about how the Second World War started and who was involved. We shall look at the evacuation process - why it happened and how it affected people. We shall be looking at rationing and how the war affected people's everyday lives. We also explore the role that women played in the war. We will be looking at the Holocaust and discussing the idea of 'the enemy' - exploring how many Germans involved in the war were people just like us.

**PSHE** - This half term it is a wider world topic, looking at 'money matters'. This explores ways to keep money safe, financial risks, how to budget and spend money wisely. It also looks at the idea of 'value for money' and how our choices can impact the environment around us i.e. fair trade product, plastic pollution etc.

**ICT** - We will be using Scratch 3.0 software to create a maze game. This involves creating backgrounds and moveable characters that can be controlled by attaching 'code' to plan their movements, appearance and sounds. This will be developed and improved over several sessions to add more detail and refinement.

**Music** - We will be learning songs that were sung during WW2 including 'Run Rabbit Run', 'We'll Meet Again', 'White Cliffs of Dover' and 'Don't Fence Me In'.

**PE** - The children will be continuing to develop their football skills. Each week, they will be working towards scores for a virtual football skills competition. On Fridays, the children will be continuing to develop their swimming skills at Ashington Leisure Centre.

**Science** - Our science topic is called 'Animals including humans'. During this topic, we will be learning about: the human timeline, the growth of babies, puberty in humans and animals, changes in old age, gestation periods and life expectancy.

**French** - We will be recapping on vocabulary and phrases already covered in KS2 as we refamiliarise ourselves with the language after our 'lockdown' break! We then move on to look at different animals, both on the farm and in our homes as pets, building up a bank of vocabulary and phrases to allow us to discuss, and write about, animals we have, would like or have seen.

**RE** - This unit on forgiveness will explore what is meant by forgiveness and the role forgiveness plays in world religions. Children will learn about Jewish beliefs, and develop an understanding of Buddhist beliefs, about forgiveness.

