

English and Reading – ‘Goodnight Mr Tom’

Our class text this half term is ‘Goodnight Mr. Tom’. An amazing classic that I’m sure a lot of you have heard about.

We will be basing our English writing around this book. Using the book as our theme we will be writing informal letters, diary entries, instruction texts, non-chronological texts and fiction. Reading will continue to be a big focus and children will be asked to read to an adult often. We will also make sure we do activities that encourage the children to show their understanding of books they have read.

Maths – Addition, subtraction, and interpreting data

This half-term we begin our work on addition, subtraction, interpreting graphs, and multiplication. We will be building on the children’s prior learning in Year 4 and expanding their understanding.

Our work on graphs and tables will introduce new concepts and we will conduct a range on investigations to gather and present information. We will also continue to work on the children’s rapid recall of number facts.

Design and Technology

This half term, linking with our history topic of WW2, the children will build their own Anderson Shelters (not full size).



The children will measure and cut a range of materials, make permanent bonds to stand the test of time, and evaluate their final pieces. We will also test these shelters ‘to destruction’ bombing them with water bombs!

History

This term our history topic is World War Two. The topic will be linked to our class reading of Goodnight Mr Tom. We will be looking at the causes of World War 2 and the main parties involved. We will then look at how it changed the lives of people living in the UK, as well as the chronological history of the conflict.

This will have an element of local study, looking at Coventry and Coventry cathedral. We will also look at the events of the war, and the major battles and turning points, including D-Day, The Holocaust and The Battle of Britain.

Finally, we will look at the end of the war and how peace finally came about, on both VE and VJ day.

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Science

This term we will be looking at Material and their Properties. This will concentrate on the following properties: hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity and how a material responds to magnets.

The unit will involve a fair amount of practical science and allow the children to work out for themselves by experimentation.

Computing

This term we are focusing on coding. The children will use Python to create a retro text-based game. Children will learn the skills of analysis, debugging and programming languages. Computing will also be interwoven amongst the other topics, as the children will be navigating the internet to gather information and using presentation software to show their findings.

French

The children will be learning how to make statements about the school environment. They will also be telling time using half-hours, quarter hours and 24hr clock notation.

Religious Education (R.E)

This unit enables children to reflect upon and compare different places of worship, looking at similarities and commonalities, and what they mean to the followers of different religions.

Physical Education

This half-term, we will be developing children’s social interaction skills, during sports. This will build the children’s ability to communicate and work cohesively inside of teams.