

Learning Forecast

Spring 2 World War 2

Class Hensting Class



Welcome to Hensting Class. We share these 'Learning Forecasts' every half term to give an insight into the key areas that we will focus on with your child.

English

Our English and guided reading this half term will all be linked to our topic of World War 2. We will look being looking at a range of fiction texts and poems to develop our understanding of World War 2 as well as using our class reader *The Boy in Striped Pyjamas*.

We will start off by looking at the class reader *The Boy in Striped Pyjamas*. The children will then be writing their own narrative introduction based on the when Shmuel and Bruno meet for the first time. In this piece they will develop their skill on writing speech and using figurative language. Then we will look deeper into the setting of World War 2 by comparing Blitz-ridden London and the beautiful, calm countryside they will complete this by using a range of different grammatical devises as well as exploring expanded noun phrases. Finally, we will look into the battle side of World War 2 where they will be writing a letter from a soldier on the front line. They will explore the soldiers thoughts, emotions and hopes and describe the horrors of battle.

Maths

This half term we will be continuing with our study into shapes. Looking at area, perimeter and the properties of 3D shapes . We will also be continuing our arithmetic lessons were we focus on a specific area of maths which have been identified from previous tests. In preparation for SATs we will also be starting a revision lesson we were look back at specific skills including number and place value, rounding, measurements and revisiting the four operations around fractions and fraction, decimal and percentage equivalence. All of these models will help support and develop the children's understanding of different techniques and questions which are likely to appear in the upcoming SAT tests. We will done one more practise SATs paper next term so the children are prepared and understand the procedures making it easier for them when it comes to the real deal.

Computing

In computing we will be exploring sequence to repetitions in the scratch environment. We will achieve this by looking at loops and designing different codes. They can add their own unique flair with different background and character styles.

History

This half term in history we will be focusing on World War 2. We will look into the causes of WW2, the effect of the Blitz which in turn caused children to be evacuated. We will also look at the significance of the Holocaust by investigating Anne Frank's diary and how Jewish people were treated. Each week they will continue to discuss and add to the running question "How did WW2 change the lives of people in Britain and around the world?"

Art

This half term we will be investigating landscapes. We will start off by looking at Paul Nash and his artistic representations of WW2. then the children will have a go at sketching, painting and adding collage designs to show various landscapes related to WW2.

PSHE

Keeping myself safe

We will be learning about how we can keep ourselves safe in regards to drugs and how some are against the law, alcohol and its affect and online safety where they will learn to be SMART online (stay safe, don't meet up, accepting files, reliable, tell some).

Science

Diet and drugs

In science we will be learning about the impact of a healthy diet and lifestyle. We will also learn about exercise and the impact it can have on our hearts as well as drugs both medical and non-medical.

Reading

In reading this half term we are looking at 'The Boy in Striped Pjamas'. It is a brilliant, heart-pulling story set during World War 2 in Nazi Germany where a German boy makes an unlikely friend. This half term we will continue to focus on fluency and comprehension. Therefore each week we will be looking at a new text (fiction, non-fiction, poems) —which still links to our topic of WW2—where we will then delve into discussions about the vocabulary and their comprehension. We will then look at questions which are similar to those which come up in SAT tests.

Reminders

Homework: Hensting class will be continue to receive homework. The homework will be handed out on the Friday and then children will need to bring it in on the Thursday.

Please make sure your child brings in their water bottle each day and they are emptied out each night.

Please can they have a pair of names wellies to keep in school.

If the weather is hot please apply sun cream or send your child in with some if they can apply it themselves with a sunhat if necessary.

They can bring **ONE healthy** fruit snack in their book bag or they can have a piece of free fruit on offer in school.

