

# Sycamore Class

## Term 1 Newsletter

### 'World War 2'



Dear Sycamore Class Families,

I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday! Our topic for Term 1 is 'World War 2' and our big questions for the term are: *'What was life like on the Home Front? Why is it so difficult to be sure?'*

Our key texts for this term are 'My Secret War Diary' by Marcia Williams, 'Letters to the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll and 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian. Our topic work this term will be based on war at home, considering how the Second World War started and the use of propaganda to encourage people to join the war effort. Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday so please send your child into school in their kit on these days. For Term 1, our Forest School dates are Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September (Year 6 only) and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October (Whole Class): please send your child into school in their Forest School kit on those dates with their uniform to change into later in the day (including a change of shoes).

<b>Reading</b>	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that you record this using the Boom Reader app. All children in the class have a Lexia account and will be able to log-on to this at home to complete tasks. Your child may wish to do this instead of reading so please record any Lexia sessions using the Boom Reader app also. A member of staff will be checking app entries on a Friday.						
<b>Maths and Grammar</b>	Maths and Grammar homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the Friday of that week. It will be photocopied and handed out with the weekly homework sheet on a Monday.						
<b>Times Tables</b>	Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home.						
<b>Spellings</b>	Below are the spelling patterns/grammar that we will be learning this term:						
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#### Useful Websites:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world\\_war2/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world_war2/) <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/war>  
<http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk/Homework/Britain.html>

#### Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- Who was Adolf Hitler?
- Why did WW2 begin?
- What does 'Propaganda' mean?
- Can you explain the difference between Morrison and Anderson shelters?
- What has happened so far in 'Letters to the Lighthouse'?

#### Helping to enrich our topics


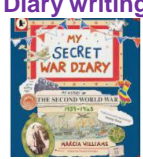



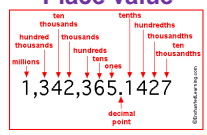



















It is always great to have items that support our topic, so if anyone has any items that may help us with any of the work above that we could borrow, we would love to share in school.

**WW2 TRIP**-We are looking to arrange a trip to Newhaven Fort so the children can develop an understanding of what it was like at War on the Home Front. A trip letter will follow soon.

**Reminders** – Please can you make sure your child brings in a labelled water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather.

Many thanks for your continued support, Mr Cline and Miss Benkel.

# 'World War 2' – Term 1 Learning Map

<b>Literacy</b> 	<b>Diary writing</b> 	<b>Letters</b> 	<b>Narrative</b> 
<b>Maths</b> 	<b>Place value</b> 	<b>Calculation – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division</b> 	<b>Reasoning and word problems</b> 
<b>Science</b> 	<b>Forces and Magnets</b> 		
<b>Design and Technology</b> 	<b>Designing and make a model of an Anderson shelter</b> 		
<b>History</b> 	<b>What makes a War?</b> 	<b>Home front</b> 	<b>Winston Churchill</b> 
<b>PSHE</b> 	<b>Valuing Differences</b> 		
<b>Computing</b> 	<b>Programming - MicroBit</b> 	<b>Online Safety</b> 	
<b>RE</b> 	<b>Why do some people believe in God?</b> 		
<b>French</b> 	<b>Pleased to meet you</b> 		
<b>Music</b> 	<b>Appraising World War 2 Music and songs</b> 