

Badger Class <u>Term 1 Newsletter</u> 'World War 2'







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Dear Badger Class Families,

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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 Wednesday and Friday so please send your child into school in their kit on these days.

Forest School this term will be on Tuesday 23rd September. Please ensure they have appropriate clothing and footwear.

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading is recorded on Boom Readers. A member of staff will be checking their log every Monday.						
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Friday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Friday. Parents are encouraged to sit with their child during homework to support. Most children are expected to be able to confidently recall their times tables, and additional maths tasks will be sent home to provide support if necessary.						
Grammar	Grammar homework will be sent home on a Friday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Friday. The homework will be based on the grammar they will be learning within their English lessons. To help with our in-class assessments, please indicate when you have helped your child.						
Spellings	Spelling lists will not be sent home. We will do spelling lessons in class each week and this may be followed up by a spelling pattern homework page, which will be set as part of the Grammar homework in their CGP books. Below are the spelling patterns that we will be learning this term:						
	tious, cious and ious	dge and ge	ei, eigh and ey	cial and tial	apostrophes for contraction	er and est	ous
Other	Occasionally, project homework may be set to support with learning in other subjects.						

Useful Websites:

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'?
- Who are the main characters in the story? How do you feel about them?
- Can you predict what might happen next in the story?

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 to 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, Miss Marshall

'World War 2' – Term 1 Learning Map

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