



Lilac Class – Term 1 Newsletter ‘World War 2’



Dear Lilac Class families,

We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and the children are excited to begin a new year! Our topic for Terms 1 and 2 is ‘World War 2’ and we will begin by using the text ‘My Secret War Diary’ by Marcia Williams. 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. We will also be looking at the story Goodnight Mr Tom later on in the term and Letters from the Lighthouse in our guided reading sessions.

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Thursday.
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Monday and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they have learnt about that week. New spellings will be sent out every Monday; please ensure your child has their spelling book in school every Monday.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Monday. Maths homework will be set on ‘MyMaths’ and the children have their logins stuck in the front of their Reading Records. If your child finds the task tricky, there is a revision lesson that they can use first. Parents are encouraged to sit with their child during homework to support them.
Times Tables	Children will learn their tables and practise these in school regularly. 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.
Grammar	Grammar homework will be sent home on a Monday and your child will have two weeks to complete this, due in on the Monday. The homework will be based on the grammar they will be learning within their literacy lessons. To help with our in-class assessments, please indicate when you have helped your child.

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>

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- Topics
- History
- choose from a selection of activities based on WW2

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 ‘My Secret War Diary’?
- Who are the main characters in the story? How do you feel about them?
- Can you predict what might happen next in the story?

Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day, with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather. Our PE days are Mondays; please ensure your child’s kit is always in school.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Surtees, Miss Hare and Mrs T

