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Tuesday 11th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Spring 1. This term we will be looking at World War 2; finding the answer to the question - 'World War 2: what was the impact?' Our topic will include weekly questions, which we will answer with the week's learning. An overview of our questions, PSHCE, English and Maths coverage has been provided to inform you about our intended learning.

The Key Knowledge Points (KKPs) for this topic are history based, by the end of the topic the children will need to:

History 'Key Knowledge Points'

- Know about key events from WW2 (the Blitz, Battle of Britain, etc.)
- Know about what the evacuation was and why it happened
- Begin to understand what the Holocaust was
- Recognise links between Stoke- on- Trent and WW2 (Lidice, Reginald Mitchell, etc)
- Recognise key historical figures from WW2

Other 'KKPs'

Geography: countries of Europe on the Map (Identifying Allied, Axis and neutral countries)

Art: explain the style of art used and how it has been influenced by a famous artist, understand what a specific artist is trying to achieve in any given situation, Blitz/Spitfire pictures.

Area of learning	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Challenge Curriculum	The beginning: how did Hitler rise to power?	Why was evacuation necessary?	How did the Blitz affect Britain?		What was life like in Britain during World War 2?		Kingswood
English	Topic related research	Explanation	First person recount (sensory writing)		Non-chronological report		
Maths	Fractions, decimals and percentages				Algebra	Measurement	
PSHCE Jigsaw	Personal learning goals	Steps to success	My dream for the world	Helping to make a difference	Helping to make a difference (Piece 5) and Recognising our achievements		
Additional equipment/ events		Swimming	Mathsfest	Swimming Junk modelling resources to make Anderson shelters	Spellfest	Swimming	Kingswood

For the main home learning children will still be expected to read regularly, log on to TT Rockstars and



complete Spelling Shed each week to practise their basic skills. This half term, children will have the opportunity to go on the online 'Freckle' maths system at home: work will be set on this and children will be rewarded if they complete it. We will be advising and encouraging this in Year 6 running up to SATs.

Further focused work may be provided if necessary and extra work will always be available if the children, or yourselves, request it - some of this may be made available online.

We would be grateful if you could support your child by listening to them read and/or discussing their books. We ask pupils to read at home a minimum of three times per week (we will keep track of children's reading through AR and how many quizzes they are taking).

P.E. lessons this half term will be swimming and gymnastics, pupils will need to bring in their indoor PE kit on a Thursday. A kit consists of an appropriately coloured team t-shirt, navy or black shorts and trainers. It is important that all children have the correct kit.

Swimming will take place every other Tuesday for Year 6. The children will need a towel, a swimming cap and their costume - one piece for girls and trunks (not baggy shorts) for boys.

Everyone is expected to take part in PE and a note from a parent is required from anyone unable to take part in sessions, due to medical grounds.

As ever, we appreciate your support, if there is anything at all that you wish to discuss, please send us a message on Dojo.

Many Thanks,

Mr A. Bradshaw, Mr L. Facey, Mrs K. Forrester and Mrs S. Snape

