

Here are the areas of learning we will be studying during our Autumn Term theme:

Children at War

• Knowledge and Understanding of the World

As historians we will:

- Place significant events of WWII on a timeline
- Look at the countries involved, why it started, how it was fought, names of leaders and how it ended.
- Research why children were evacuated and find out what it was like to be an evacuee.
- Find out about the experiences of Anne Frank during WWII
- Look at rationing and why it was introduced

As geographers we will:

- Locate targeted cities of attack on a map of the UK and countries involved in WWII on a world map.
- Look at how Coventry has changed since WWII, in particular the city centre.

As computer technicians we will:

- Use the internet to gather information from a variety of sources.
- Develop and organise text in order to create newspaper reports.

As design technologists we will:

- Design and make air raid shelters, using realistic plans and by selecting appropriate tools and materials.

• Creative Development

As artists we will:

- Create Blitz silhouette paintings using a colour wash effect.
- Design propaganda posters.
- Look at the work of Marc Chagall.

As musicians we will:

- Explore popular music during WWII and its effect on the people of Britain. Listen to and sing some war time songs looking at significant artists during this period.

• Communication, Language and Literacy

As readers and writers we will:

- Read extracts from the diary of Anne Frank
- Read and write short WWII stories, using *The Lion and the Unicorn* and *Rose Blanche* as a model. We will also study *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo as an example of a longer text.
- Write a character sketch using evidence from the text.
- Watch short extracts from films/TV dramas set in the past, looking at how the differences in time and place are represented.
- Read and write newspaper reports and recounts.

• Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

As mathematicians we will:

- Look at war problems and puzzles and how to solve them
- Consider rationing, weights and measurements used
- Look at fractions of food people had per week and what sorts of meals they could create using this
- Study times and timetables related to evacuation

Year 4 Autumn Term Creative Theme

During the Autumn term we will also be studying the following:

Science

- Moving and Growing
- Circuits and Conductors

Maths

Following the National Strategy Units; calculating, measuring, using and applying maths and data handling.

R.E.

Creation Stories and aspects of Christmas.

SEAL

New Beginnings, Getting on and Falling Out, Say No to Bullying

Music

Exploring sound signals including the Morse code, performing rhythmic patterns, rehearsing and recording The Signal Song.

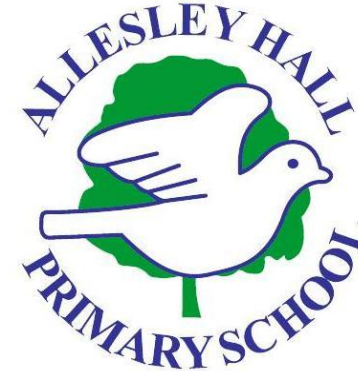
P.E.

Football, basketball, hockey, rugby, gymnastics.

Homework Plan

Day	Task
Monday	Weekly Spellings
Tuesday	Reading and spelling practise
Wednesday	Reading and Spellings
Thursday	Reading and Spellings
Friday	Maths activity/ Comprehension or short writing task.

The children will be asked to complete a homework project this term related to our creative theme. Details of this will be sent home during the week beginning 28.9.09.



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