



Spring

Welcome back to school! I hope you have had a fantastic Christmas and enjoyed the holidays!

Topic



Our topic this half term in history is World War II. The children will be deepening their understanding on life in this difficult time and will look more into the cause and effect of the war and the impact Dunkirk had. We will also be looking at physical and human features of Switzerland in geography.

Science

Our Science this term will focus on **living things and their habitats** and **plants** (after the half term break).



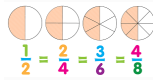
Art & D.T

In art the children will be studying **Larry Lerew** and using water colours and wax.



In DT, we are going to be looking at mechanical systems (gears).

Maths



In Maths, we begin the term by learning about decimals and percentages, multiplication and division. For the year 6 children, algebra and ratio. After the holidays, they will be learning about area and perimeter and statistics.



Literacy

We begin the half term reading **Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian**, in relation to our history topic. They will be looking at writing letters to their loved ones, poetry and non-chronological reports. After the half-term holidays, we will be reading **Princess' Blanket by Carol Ann Duffy**.

P.E



Our P.E days for KS2 are Tuesday and Thursday. Most P.E sessions on a Tuesday will take place outside. Please make sure you have a kit for forest schools (warm clothing and wellies or suitable footwear). On Thursday, we will be doing dance indoors. The children will need indoor shoes.

PSHE



Children will learn about **Health and Wellbeing**. We will look at mental and physical health. We also learn about keeping safe online and medicine/ vaccinations.

Music



In music, children will continue with the clarinet and looking at the jazz topic.

R.E

Within R.E children will explore the enquiry questions: **'Is it better to express your belief in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?'** and they will focus on artwork in various religions and charitable work. They will look at **'What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save' people?'** after the half-term holidays.

Computing



Our topic for this half term is **'We are Cryptographers'** and **'We are architects'**. Class 3 will be learning about cracking codes in more detail using our new iPad's at school. They will also be looking at creating and using virtual space.