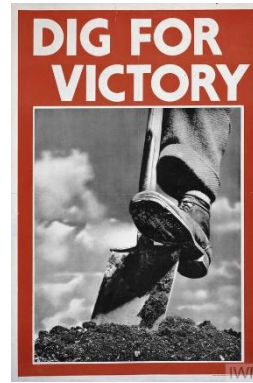


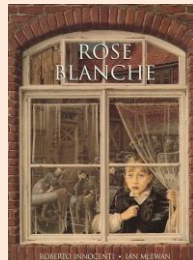
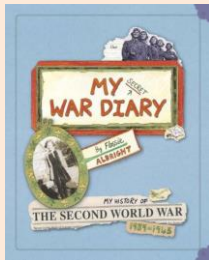
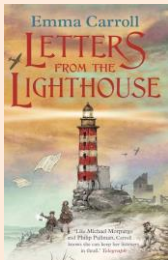
Eagle Class Curriculum Letter

Spring Term 1 2024

Happy New Year, Eagle Class! This half term our topic is called 'Keep Calm and Carry On' and much of our learning is history-based with a focus on the Second World War. Below is an outline of what the class will be learning in a range of key subjects. I hope you find it useful when supporting your child with their learning.



English



Our key text in English this half term is 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. We will be writing a range of texts, including: an instructional radio bulletin, advising people what to do during an air-raid; a diary entry based on life as an evacuee; and a news report. We will use a range of drama techniques to immerse ourselves in the lives of people during World War 2 to write effectively for different purposes and from different perspectives. We will also be reading 'Rose Blanche' by Ian McEwan and 'My Secret War Diary' by Marcia Williams to support our understanding.

You can help at home by:

Listening to your child read and talking about what is happening in the story. Discuss the choices made by the author - these discussions are highly beneficial in helping your child to consider their own writing choices.

Maths

This half term we will focus on fractions, including:

- finding equivalent fractions;
- adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers;
- multiplying fractions by integers and other fractions;
- dividing fractions by integers.

You can help at home by:

Practising times tables - either using minute games or the Times Tables Rock Stars app. A quick recall of times table facts is invaluable when learning about fractions.

Useful websites:

<http://www.mymaths.co.uk/> (login and password provided)

<https://ttrockstars.com/> (login and password provided)

History

Much of our learning is history-based this half term. We will begin by learning about why World War 2 began and what life was like in Britain during the war, with a particular focus on the blitz and how people prepared and contributed to the war effort. We will then go on to learn about the experiences of different groups of people, including men and women in Britain and evacuees.

Music

This half term, our learning will be about the history of music. We will learn about some key musicians from the 1940s and why music was important at this time.

DT

In our design and technology lessons this half term, we will be making both a textiles product and a construction. Your child will be constructing their own Anderson shelters from a range of materials and sewing some 'make-do and mend' sock monkeys with Mrs Jackson on a Thursday morning.

Geography

Throughout this half term, we will be developing a range of geographical skills. This will include OS map symbols, 8-point compass directions and 6-digit grid references.

Homework

As discussed at the parents meeting in September, homework will now be in the form of '10-minute tests', including reading, arithmetic and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). Please give your child as much support as needed with these.

Reading, Spelling and Minute Games

Please continue to encourage your child to read and practise their spellings and minute games. Yellow reading records should be brought into school every Friday. Spelling tests will be each Thursday.

PE

Eagle Class PE lessons will continue to be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Our lessons this half term will take place both indoors and outdoors. Therefore, please ensure your child has the correct P.E. kit (trainers, white t-shirt and black shorts or leggings) in school each day.