WORLD WAR II

AUTUMN 2 IN OAK CLASS

Our topic to take us to Christmas is World War II specifically how experiences differed. We have found a wonderful novel we think the children will really enjoy **When the Skies Fall** by Phil Earle. This novel is inspired by a true story about a boy named Joseph who forms a powerful bond with a silverback gorilla, Adonis, during the Blitz in 1941.

English

We will write our own powerful poetry to perform at the Remembrance Assembly. Our non-fiction writing will go into detail as to how to survive an aid-raid. Then we will use a beautiful picture book *Rose Blanche* to further enhance our narrative writing.

History

Once we have asked and answered our own questions about WWII, we will then focus on some different demographics during the War and their experiences including how women's roles changed, what impact the War had on Britain, why evacuation was a huge turning point for children and the experiences of nurses.

Duxford IWM

We have booked a very exciting trip where we will be documentary making at Duxford IWM! The children will be given a tour, cameras and intstructions as to how to produce their own documentaries led by the very wise staff at the IWM.

Music

Taught by Mrs Lay, the children will focus on the songs of World War II including The White Cliffs of Dover where, during these lessons, they will discuss features typical of WWII songs, follow melody and learn how to harmonise during their singing.

DT

During the Blitz, families needed to know when an air raid was approaching so the children are going to have a 5 week task of designing and making an electrical warning system for an Anderson shelter including electrical circuits, a switch, a flashing or warning light and a buzzer to sound an alarm.

PE

Our PE days will be the same this half term on Tuesday and Thursday. Mrs Wilkinson will be teaching Dance on Thursdays from a WWII angle where the children will learn the basics of jive, jitterbug and lindy hop! Strictly, eat your heart out!

And in our other subjects

Science - Properties of Materials RE - The significance of Jesus

PE - Hockey with JS Sports PSHE - Rules, Rights and Responsibilities

And Year 6 will be very happy to hear we have the return of the Secet Santa mini project!

Key dates

November	
3rd & 4th	**Parents' Evening**
11th	**Remembrance Assembly led by Oak**
23rd	**Trip to IWM Duxford (details to follow)**
December	
9th & 10th	**KS1 nativity performances**
11th	**Carol concert**
18th	**Last day of Autumn term**