

## Possible ways of helping your child with their work this half term:

- Ensure that they complete any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Allow your child to bring information into school to share with the rest of the class.

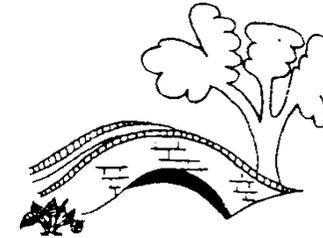
### Useful Websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-world-war-two/zjnyscw>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Britain.html>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/war/1960s.html>

# Whixall C.E. Primary School and Nursery



## MAYFLY CLASS

Curriculum Information for Parents  
Spring Term 2022



**War Time to Wow Time!**

## **English**

Our English work this term will be closely linked to our topic work about life in 1940s' Britain compared to life in the 1960s. We will begin by exploring a text set in WW2 and work to develop our descriptive fiction writing, and in particular how to use dialogue in our writing. There will also be opportunities for poetry and letter writing linked to this text. As we begin to study the 1950s and 60s we will move onto reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl which again will offer many opportunities to inspire our own descriptive writing but also help us to explore explanation texts linked to the production of chocolate. As well as the daily English lesson, there will be spelling, handwriting and daily reading opportunities.

## **Mathematics**

We will begin the term by revising and developing our understanding of the number system. We will extend our knowledge of the place value system to four-digit numbers and look at ways of calculating mentally and using simple written methods. In addition to these lessons, we will have a daily mental mathematics session in which essential facts will be revised and learned, such as number bonds and times tables facts.

## **Science**

This term we will be thinking about the 'Human Body'. In particular we will be studying the function of the human skeleton, the importance of our teeth and what teeth can tell us about an animal's eating habits, the benefits of healthy eating and the digestive system. Wherever possible, these concepts will be explored using a practical and investigative way of working.

## **Humanities**

Our topic this term is a history topic entitled 'War time to Wow time!' It is a study of the changes from the 1940s to the 1960s. This topic gives us the opportunity to study the dramatic changes in art, science, fashion, and music during this fascinating time in British history.

## **P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)**

This term we will be exploring the units of work entitled 'Dreams and Goals' in which the children consider what achievements they would like to aim for and look at ways we can help ourselves do this. Following on from this we will look at 'Healthy Me' a unit of work looking at ways we can improve our own physical and mental health.

## **P.E.**

This term we will be having one P.E. session per week. We will be moving indoors to explore dance linked to our topic, War time to Wow time! We will begin by learning a number of wartime songs and thinking about movements we associate with this type of music. We will then learn some 1960s inspired songs and show how our movements might change with the changing style. We will combine these movements to create a final piece.

## **Art and Design**

Our art lessons will take inspiration from our topic work about the 1960s and we will be exploring the work of Andy Warhol and the Pop Art movement. This will give the children an opportunity to learn about the history of art and use a variety of different media to create their own artwork.

## **Design Technology**

In our design technology lessons, we will be designing packaging to house an Easter egg linked to our literacy work about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

## **Spanish**

We continue to receive fantastic support from Mrs Acs for our Spanish lessons throughout the year.

## **R.E.**

In the first half term, we will be thinking about how religious belief can influence a person's life. During these lessons the children will be considering what it is to be a 'global citizen' and think about the importance of our actions, our rights and our responsibilities.

## **Computing**

We will be using the school iPads and laptops to research our topic and science lessons this term. We will also block in some time to start looking at simple programming using Scratch.

**Music** We are very fortunate to have input from the Shropshire Music Service this term which means Year 3 and 4 will continue learning to play the ukulele. In addition to these lessons, we will be listening to and learning some examples of music from the 1940s, 50s and 60s, with a particular focus on the music of The Beatles.