



Year 4 - Swans Class



We hope that you have had an enjoyable Easter holiday, and that the children are well rested and ready for a busy term ahead. Our topic is titled 'Your Country Needs You!' and is focused on World War II.

Areas we will cover through the topic will include:

- When World War II took place.
- The main events of World War II.
- What life was like during the war, including rationing, evacuation, air raids.
- How the war came to an end.



As part of this topic we are going to Holdenby House, Northampton for an evacuee experience day - this will take place on **Wednesday 19th June**. We will all go in wartime dress to add to the experience. Ideas for the girls: dress or skirt and blouse with cardigan; dark knee length socks; shoes or plimsolls; hair in bunches. Ideas for the boys: short trousers, shirt; sweater or sleeveless pullover; dark knee length socks; shoes or plimsolls. The children will make a label and a gas mask box in school. They will need to bring in a box to make the gas mask from. The boxes that washing tablets come in are perfect so please can you send any suitable boxes in as soon as possible please.

As well as our main topic we will also cover these areas:

- In PE we will be doing kwik cricket and athletics. Selected children will take part in a Kwik cricket tournament and an Athletics tournament during the summer term.
Please ensure that your children have their PE kit in school EVERY DAY, including trainers. PE will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday.
- In French we will be learning the vocabulary related to hobbies and saying what we like to do.
- In Music our focus will be on playing the recorder and tuned percussion with accuracy, reading notation and learning songs from World War II and songs with a World War II theme.
- In DT we will be making WWII gardens, we may also make WWII toys.
- In English we will be following the National Curriculum, and where appropriate, will link this with our topic. We will be focused on Newspaper Reports and stories based in other cultures.
- In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum and will focus on decimals, money and time.
- In Science our topic will be 'Sound'. We will identify how sounds are made, recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear, find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it, find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it and recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and inspiring term. Please feel free to catch us any time after school or come to drop in on alternate Wednesday afternoon at 3pm if you have any concerns or want to discuss anything throughout the term. I am always happy to discuss matters that are important to both you and your child.

Mrs Criddle