



# A Child's War

Roots to grow, wings to fly

## Welcome to the Autumn Term!

In these notes you will find information relating to Skylarks class and a brief overview of some of the areas of learning your child will be covering over the next two terms. Each term we will host a whole school theme that some curriculum areas might link to, however some are discrete and will be inspired, for example, by a book. In terms 1 & 2 our exciting new topic is 'A Child's War'.

## Who's who?

Mr Smith (Mr S) teaches for four days each week, with Miss Dunn taking the class on Thursdays. Mrs Xavier is our classroom Teaching Assistant.

## Reading records and Homework

The children are encouraged to read regularly and to include a range of texts. The reading records will be checked regularly. Homework will be sent out on a Friday, and returned by Tuesday the following week.

Practicing times tables is incredibly important in Years 3&4, so please remember that you Times Tables Rockstars access at home as well as school.

## Things to Know

Our PE sessions are on Mondays and Tuesdays. You will need to bring in PE Kits for these sessions, including suitable footwear for outside – it will get muddy!

# Areas of Exploration

## Geography

Why were the cities of the UK a target?  
Linking Geography with our theme, we will be looking at identifying where specific cities are located in the UK and to understand the difference between rural and urban.

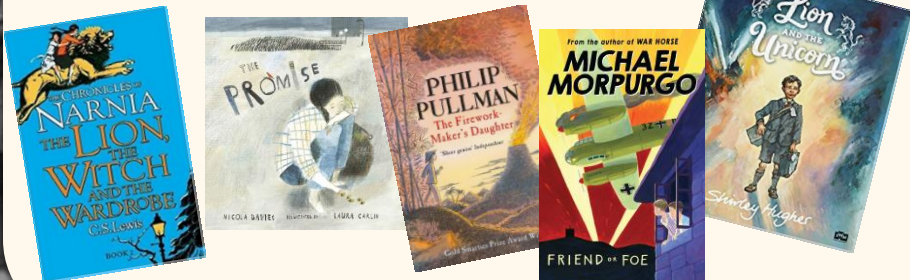
## Computing

### Computing systems and networks/Animation

During term 1 we will be investigating the internet and how it works, moving onto stop frame animation in term 2.

## Books, Books, Books!

Below are just some of the books we will be exploring through English sessions and beyond.



## Maths

At the start of term we will be looking at place value, before moving onto addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. Year 4 will also be looking at length and perimeter during term 2.

## Art

### The Impact of War

In Skylarks, we will be looking at creating collages, including enhancing our drawing and painting skills with The Blitz as our theme.

## Music

In music this term we are developing our understanding of pulse and metre, which includes looking at time signatures. As we move towards Christmas we are going to be exploring percussion.

## RE

In term 1 we will be exploring the question: is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time? In the lead up to Christmas we will be looking at Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

## History

Our major focus for history during the next two terms is investigating how World War 2 impacted on British society. This focus will involve learning and begin to understand some features of the war, and how, if you were a child during these times it would have affected daily life.

## DT

### Anderson Shelters

We will be designing and building Anderson Shelters and investigate how structurally strong they are.

### Electrical systems

Skylarks will be looking at how scientific ideas are used to develop solutions to challenges.

## Science

This term we will be looking at climate change, including looking at factors that contribute to climate change. We will then be moving on to electricity.

## PE

We are looking at developing our skills in dribbling, passing and shooting in both football and basketball in term 1. During term 2 we are going to be working on our tag rugby and dance skills.

## PSHE

### Achievements and One World

Looking at how people achieve certain things and what it takes to achieve them. Work later on in the term will be developing our understanding of our place in the global community.