



7A Class Newsletter

Spring Term

Our Theme

Our theme for Spring is "Tanks and Trenches".

Have a look below at how we will be learning across our curriculum!



My Communication

In My Communication we will be exploring poetry in Spring 1. We will be listening too and having a go at writing some poems of our own including War Poems and Acrostic Poems.

In Spring 2 we will be focusing our learning on letters, postcards, newspapers. We will have a go at writing from the perspective of wartime!

We will continue working on our reading and writing skills along with our communication and interaction ALI's through daily interventions.



My Thinking and Problem Solving

In My Thinking and Problem Solving we are focussing on Number and Capacity in 'Maths' lessons and key interventions.

We will continue working on number and cognition and learning ALI's across the timetable.

In our cooking and DT lessons, we will be learning about 'food during the war' and will look at how people ate during wartime in comparison to how we eat now.

In computing we will be learning about how to navigate online and on devices. We will have a big focus on keeping safe while navigating on devices.



The World About Me

In The World about Me, we will be learning about what life was like during the war and a child's eye view from the home front.

In Spring 2, we will be looking at food preparation and ways in which we can make war time recipes safely.

We will continue using our 1:1 iPads to support our learning across the curriculum.







Me and My Body

In Me and My Body, we will be taking part in lots of physical activity across the timetable including sensory regulation, riding bikes and playing on the playground equipment.

In PE will be exploring dance and trying a range of outdoor activities throughout the term. We will have a focus on 'wartime' dances listening to popular music and learning dance moves popular to WW2.

We will be looking at 'Healthy Choices' and learning about all the different ways we can stay healthy and look after our own bodies. We will also be learning about hazards, dangerous situations and ways we can keep ourselves safe during those times.

	We will also continue learning about personalised personal care and looking after our own personal hygiene.																									
<div></div> <div>My Community</div> <p>In My Community, we will continue developing our independence in travel around the school and local community. We will be practicing our road safety skills and have more opportunities to visit Chorley town. We will learn shopping routines and practice exchanging coins for snacks in real life!</p> <p>In school, we will be further developing our social skills and learning to play and interact with each other. We have made fantastic progress with this during the Autumn term and staff can see key friendships forming!</p> <p>We will be learning all about first aid, different careers linked to our topic, important people in our lives, feelings and how we can compromise in different situations.</p> <p>In RE, we will be learning all about the Bible, how to be a good Samaritan and people of different faiths.</p>	<div></div> <div>My Creativity</div> <p>Mrs Lane will be teaching us Music on Monday afternoon. We will be learning all about jazz and different dance styles performed during war time. – this will link with our learning in PE where we get to practice and learn some of the different dance styles and movement popular in WW2.</p>																									
<div></div> <div>Things to remember</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ We have PE on a Thursday. Please send your child in warm sports clothes with their PE t-shirt and trainers.✓ We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per week for snack – this can be sent as a full amount if easier (Spring 1 - £5 & Spring 2 - £6)✓ We will be going on visits to the shops and cafe in a few weeks; more details to follow.✓ Please remember to check Evidence for Learning to see your child’s learning across the curriculum.	<div></div> <div>Key Vocabulary</div> <table><tr><td>Acrostic poem</td><td>Jazz</td></tr><tr><td>Air Force</td><td>Medal</td></tr><tr><td>Army</td><td>Plane</td></tr><tr><td>Battle</td><td>Ration</td></tr><tr><td>Blitz</td><td>Shelter</td></tr><tr><td>Bomb</td><td>Ship</td></tr><tr><td>Evacuee</td><td>Soldier</td></tr><tr><td>Food</td><td>Tank</td></tr><tr><td>Gas Mask</td><td>Trench</td></tr><tr><td>Home front</td><td>Truce</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>War</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Wartime</td></tr></table>		Acrostic poem	Jazz	Air Force	Medal	Army	Plane	Battle	Ration	Blitz	Shelter	Bomb	Ship	Evacuee	Soldier	Food	Tank	Gas Mask	Trench	Home front	Truce		War		Wartime
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- ✓ Year 7 Residential will take place Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March. We have an information session for parents on Tuesday 23rd January at 2pm (letters have been sent home).
- ✓ Sharing Our Learning will take place in Spring 2 after residential. More information to follow.



How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas:

- ✓ Reading with your child using the resources provided in their Reading Pack.
- ✓ Using key vocabulary, Makaton signs and symbols when communicating with your child.
- ✓ Incorporating your child's Aspirational Learning Intentions into your routine at home.
- ✓ Taking your child to the shops where possible, to practice exchanging coins for items.



Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can. Here are some different ways to keep in touch...

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary
- ✓ Emailing me at crossr@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk
- ✓ Coming into school for parents evening and sharing our learning sessions
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts