BATTLE OF BRITAIN

EAGLES & FALCONS – AUTUMN 2026



Next half-term, we'll be learning about...

PE

We will be working on hockey for the next few weeks, developing our ability to dribble, pass and shoot. We will improve our understanding of different tactics and will adapt our play, depending if we are attacking or defending

Computing

Next up, we will be developing our research skills. Using Google is easy, but finding the (correct) information on the pages of results that turn up can be tricky, so we will work on using precise questions and scanning to find the most useful links.

English

We will begin the half-term by completing our *Planetarium* unit, exploring report writing. We will develop our use of conjunctions to link ideas together and explore different levels of formality that authors use, depending on who they are writing for. We will then finish by writing reports about planets we have invented.

After that, our next unit is based around the novel *Wisp: A Story of Hope* by Zana Fraillon. Telling the story of a young refugee, born into a world of tents and fences, this beautiful book is full of magic and hope. We will be focussing on the use of figurative language and dialogue to introduce new characters and settings, and will then use it to inspire our own work.

Science

We will continue to investigate our circulatory system. We will start the half-term by carrying out experiments to find out how our pulse rate changes when we exercise, and will develop the way we draw conclusions from results. After that, we will learn how to keep healthy, the impact that diet and exercise have on our bodies and the damage that drugs and alcohol can cause.

The Arts

We will be exploring Pop Art and in particular the work of the artist Roy Lichtenstein. We will then link this to our Battle of Britain topic (and our trip to RAF Hendon at the end of the month) by creating stylised images of WW2 aircraft. Later in the term we will be developing our sewing skills by making embroidered Christmas cards.



Maths

Our key focus for the next half-term will be fractions. We will use diagrams, models and practical tasks to ensure we really understand what a range of fractions mean and 'look like', and will then use these models to help us to compare and order mixed groups of fractions. From there, we will learn to add, subtract and multiply fractions, before beginning to explore mixed numbers and improper fractions (fractions worth more than 1). Finally, we will be linking fractions to their decimal and percentage equivalents and using all these skills to solve problems. Later in the term, we will also be learning to calculate the area and perimeter of shapes and investigating the properties of quadrilaterals.

Humanities

History

We will continue to learn about World War 2 and the Battle of Britain. After investigating which countries were involved on each side, we will be exploring how the War affected the lives of children and experiencing what life was like for evacuees. We will also explore the impact of the Battle of Britain, identifying the location of air bases on each side, the tactics used and the reasons why the attack was ultimately unsuccessful.

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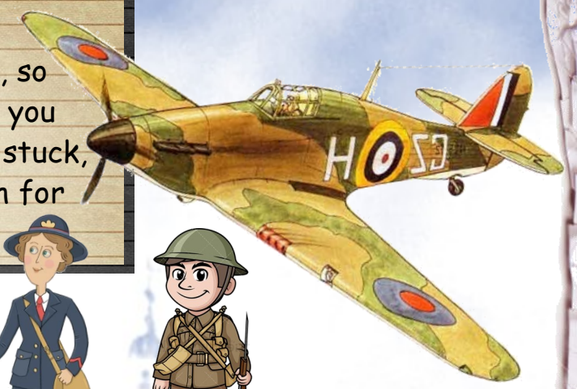
As we move towards Christmas, we will be revisiting the story of the nativity, investigating the way these events are celebrated around the world and exploring the question, Why doesn't Christianity always look the same?

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Ideas for supporting learning at home:





PE

Keeping fit, happy and healthy is always important. There are links to lots of great resources and workouts to help everyone in the family get active at www.sportengland.org/jointhemovement

Computing

- We're focussing on internet research skills, so when your child asks a question, 'Why don't you Google it?' is a great response! If they get stuck, help them to pick the right words to search for or add words to narrow down the results.

English

- Constant practice of reading - and discussion of what's been read - is just about the most valuable thing you can do at home. Try to listen to your child as often as possible.
- Spelling homework goes out every Thursday, so please help your child to learn these. You can find more advice on supporting spelling at: www.bedwell.herts.sch.uk/learning/spelling_strategies.pdf
- We have been investigating the way that author's create atmosphere in their stories, so look out for good examples in anything you read or watch. How has the author or creator made the setting feel scary, friendly, extraordinary or full of sadness?

Science

- There are lots of resources to support our next topic available on the BBC Bitesize site at: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7x78xs
- Investigate the effect that different types of exercise have on your bodies - when do you find yourself breathing more heavily, sweating more or feel your heart beating faster?

The Arts

There are loads of craft projects linked to World War 2 you could have a go at - to get started, have a look at some of these sites:

www.mysteriesintime.com/world-war-2-project-ideas-for-children/

www.iwm.org.uk/learning/cakes-made-from-carrots

the1940sexperiment.com/tag/ww2-recipes/



Maths

All of the maths we're doing this term is dependent on quick recall of tables facts, so it would be brilliant if you could work on this. Focus on one table at a time and try:

- Making-up rhymes to help remember number facts ("4 x 6 is 24, bears growl and lions roar!")
- Looking for numbers in that table in the world around you - on doors, car number plates, in phone numbers or when you're out shopping.
- Writing-out tables with finger paints, chalk or water-on-tarmac, or make them from playdoh.
- Chanting, singing, whispering... Say tables out loud together whenever you have the chance.

Humanities

- Our history topic might be within living memory of some of our family members - if so, it would be great to share their memories of life during WW2. Were any great-grandparents evacuees? What do you know about any family members who fought or worked during the War? There are loads of movies, video clips and archive materials available online to support learning about life during the War - the BBC Class Clips site is a great place to start: www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-world-war-two/zjnyscw
- We'll be revisiting the story of Christmas as we move through December, so talk about the ways in which your family celebrates at this time of year. What events are special to you? What special traditions does your family have?