



A Child's War

Ash Class Topic Map

Autumn 1, 2019

This half term we will be learning about WWII from a child's perspective, with a focus on our local area and the impact of evacuation.

We will be working with the Thelnetham Village Hall Heritage Group—with the whole class being evacuated to Thelnetham for the day; discovering how the Hall was used as a school; and helping design stained glass plaques.

Dates for your diary:

- 11.9.2019: trip to Thelnetham
- 17.9.2019: Yr 6 Thurston Sports Festival
- 14.10.19: trip to stained glass factory
- 16.10.19: Street Party

Maths topics this term:

- Place value
- Rounding (decimals and up to 1 million)
- Negative numbers (in context)
- Multiplication
- Mental maths; multiplying and dividing

How you can help:

Please encourage your child to keep practising their tables, they can use Mathletics at home as well as try these websites:

<http://www.mad4maths.com/>

<http://www.mathplayground.com/games>

Science. We will be studying:

Living things and their habitats; working scientifically and explore how glass is made.

In English we will be studying:

- Writing letters as evacuees—using our experience as we are evacuated to Thelnetham
- Creating a diary over a number of days using Anne Frank's real-life diary as inspiration
- Writing a story of a wartime adventure

Class texts:

Goodnight Mister Tom – Michelle Magorian; **The Silver Sword** – Ian Serrailier; **Diary of Anne Frank**

Useful websites with online game:

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.htm>
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<http://www.keystage2literacy.co.uk/spellin gs-menu.html>

A siren sounds and a Spitfire zooms overhead, it's 1939 and Britain is at war!

This half term, we'll imagine what it was like to be evacuated and live with a family other than our own. Using different source materials, we'll learn about evacuation and write letters to our families 'back home'. We'll plot the Second World War's events on a timeline and learn about rationing, Pearl Harbour and the Battle of Britain.

After reading an extract from *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank, we'll write our own diaries. From a range of sources, we'll find out about children and school during the war and learn about discrimination that existed at the time. We'll learn about what it was like during the Blitz and think about how soldiers might have felt. Finally, we'll prepare for our Street Party – celebrating VE Day & Grandparents' Day.

Overleaf is a booklist which you may wish to share with your child