

Creative Home Learning Ideas

A Child's War



This second half-term, we are going to experience life in the Second World War. The topic will incorporate historical learning of a significant event in British history and allow children to understand what life would have been like for both British and Jewish children during wartime. The topic also allows us to link in 3D design in computing, scientific learning on light and even to enjoy some war time dancing in PE! We will use two fantastic fiction books to support our writing and reading – Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll and The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne (**please do not watch the film or discuss the stories in advance**). We hope to be able to share our learning with you at the end of the topic.

Below are some ideas for home learning based around our new topic. There are great opportunities here for children to share family experiences; or to be creative and artistic with models and pictures. We have deliberately left out home learning about life as an evacuee – which will be covered by our plans for an Evacuee Day (24th Nov – more to follow). This day will provide the opportunity for children to dress up as an evacuee and experience activities and tasks that a wartime child would have done.

Please read the ideas with your child and let them choose which activities they would like to complete at home with you or on their own over the coming weeks. We would like all children to complete one or more of the activities. The work should be handed in no later than **Friday 10th December**. Please encourage them to take pride in their work and present it as neatly as they can.

- Talk to friends or family about their wartime or post-war memories or experiences. Write down or record their responses using photos, maps or in other creative ways.
- Make a scrapbook of Second World War images and write captions for each one. Consider how the people in the photographs may be feeling.
- Find out what happened in your local area during the War. Were any children evacuated or did your local area host evacuees?
- Find some wartime recipes and make a typical meal using foods that would have been rationed at the time. Can you work out the nutritional value of the meal?
- Dig for Victory! Find out about the types of vegetables people were encouraged to grow during the War and have a go at growing or cooking some! Popular vegetables included potatoes, cabbage and cauliflowers.
- Make a model! It could be of a Spitfire, a tank or something else relevant to the topic.
- Find a map of Europe during the war. Can you mark on key places and events?
- Research the Battle of Britain. Write a short report on what happened. Illustrate it.

These activities are intended to be creative and to provide inspiration to build on learning from school. Other ideas are welcome too! Please just ask any of the Year 6 team if you have any queries.