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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 5/6 History topic – Blitz and Pieces

In the Summer Term, children in Years 5 & 6 will be working on their new topic in History, 'Blitz and Pieces', which looks at different aspects of the Second World War.

The unit focuses on the following knowledge and skills:

- Placing the Second World War in chronological and political context;
- Understanding the experiences of evacuees;
- Knowing about the events of the Battle of Britain, and the key aspects that determined its outcome;
- Explaining the need for rationing;
- Researching the role of women in the war;
- Understanding the experiences of civilians during the Blitz;
- Explaining key events of the war on mainland Europe, for example D-Day;
- Exploring lessons learned from the Holocaust;
- Understanding the events that led to the end of the war.

Later in the Summer Term, we will enjoy a trip to the Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln, where we will learn more about the war at home and in Europe, and the importance of our local area to how the war was fought in the air. This will be our WOW day for the term. We will hear lots of different stories about the experiences of aircrew members during the war. The visit will also seek to understand the war from civilians' points of view, on all sides. We will write to you again about this trip nearer the time.

Should children want to carry out some research into our new topic over the holidays, there are countless works of fiction and non-fiction that they might read, in order to familiarise themselves with the themes and content that we'll explore. For example, 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll is about evacuees and their life in Devon; Tom Palmer writes very well about different experiences of World War Two, e.g. in 'Arctic Star'; Judith Kerr's autobiographical 'When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit' is a classic tale of what families had to do to keep their children safe. Our first class reader next term will be 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian.

If any children choose to prepare some work to share with classmates, we will happily showcase it within the year group, as ever!

The teaching team in year 5/6 are looking forward to teaching the new topic, and we're sure that the children will find it fascinating, relevant and enlightening.

Yours sincerely
Angela Parry
Class Teacher

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