

Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter

Our Theme

Our theme for this term is now **World War II**. During this topic we will look at the causes of the war, what it was like to be evacuated and propaganda. We will explore lots of different sources and expose the children to a range of historical opinions. The children will carry out research to answer questions such as 'Could WWII have been avoided?' or 'Which country's propaganda was the most effective?' We will also have our WW2 day on Wednesday 28th January 2026. This is a chance for children to be immersed into the topic.



English

Our writing in English will also be linked to our theme and we will be writing stories and descriptions based around the book 'Goodnight Mr Tom,' by Michelle Magorian. We will then be writing newspaper reports about the crash of the Heinkel bomber in Clacton and producing our own propaganda leaflets. In addition, we will continue to work on our reading skills of inference and deduction as well as learning new vocabulary and improving our reading fluency.



Maths

Our Maths lessons this term will have a big focus on fractions, decimals and percentages and the relationship between them. Shape work including angles and position and direction will also be covered in great detail. Alongside this we will continue to work on arithmetic skills.

You can continue to support your child by engaging them in every day maths situations including telling the time, handling money and reading measures. In order to prepare children for their SATs, practicing the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division will be essential. It is also important your child knows the times tables up to the twelve times tables, forwards and backwards, and the associated division facts e.g. $63 \div 9 = 7$.



Our PE days will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursdays. If your child is attending Birch Hall in the summer term, please ensure you have made the full payment by Friday 3rd April.