



Year 6
Spring Term 2026
Curriculum Newsletter

A World at War

"LAND, SEA AND AIR ~ WE'RE OVER THERE"

The Learning Journey

'We'll Meet Again'

During the first part of our learning journey, the children will develop historical skills of enquiry and inference.

Our term will start by looking at:
* the reasons for WWII starting and which countries were involved
* what life was like for children growing up in wartime Britain,
* why some children were evacuated

In English lessons, we read Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll.

In Art, the children will be studying wartime artist Henry Moore and create sketches based on his work.

'The Blitz'

During the middle section of our learning journey, the children will learn about the Land Army and more about propaganda. They will investigate sources of evidence and question the reliability of sources. They will also understand why black and Asian Commonwealth troops joined up to fight.

In DT, the children will make their own rock cakes using a WWII rationed recipe.

In English, the children will continue to read Letters from the Lighthouse, extending their understanding of WWII whilst writing in a range of genres.

'VE DAY'

In the final part of our learning journey, the children will learn about why the war ended and how people celebrated in Britain.

Here we will also study how the bombing Pearl Harbour resulted in USA joining the war and the impact of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

In English, the children will continue to read Letters from the Lighthouse, extending their understanding of WWII whilst writing in a range of genres.

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Theme Days and Trips

This term, we begin our topic with visit to Take Shelter at Downs Junior School. Take Shelter is an interactive, multimedia workshop where children visit a reinstated school air-raid shelter to experience what life was like as bombs dropped over the city of Brighton.

We will be holding our 'Stunning Start' event, an Evacuee Day, where the children will be immersed in life as an evacuee.

At the end of term, to mark the end of our learning journey, the children will celebrate by throwing a party in the style of VE day street parties and hold an exhibition of their work.

Take Home Tasks

You can either bring these projects into class to show your classmates or upload a photograph to the Google class stream.

DESIGN and MAKE - ART, DESIGN TECHNOLOGY AND MATHS

- Design and make an air raid shelter.
- Write a recipe using rations from World War II and make it for your parents (ensure that you are supervised)
- Create a map of the invasions during WWII.
- Make a drawing, painting or collage using different materials that shows a scene from World War II.
- Design and make a game involving facts about World War II (board game, card game, memory game, observation game).
- Create a fact-file about the life of a child during World War II. This should contain facts about everyday life including evacuation, rationing, the Blitz.
- Make your own artefact from World War II - this could be a rationing book, an evacuation case, a gas mask, soldier's helmet or a medal.
- An idea of your own?

RESEARCH - HISTORY, SCIENCE AND ENGLISH

- Research one of the countries involved in WWII and create a fact file on the country.
- Research all the countries involved in WWII and create a poster of flags.
- Research the key leaders involved in the war and create a poster.
- Research an aircraft, ship or tank that took part in WWII. Make a model, drawing or collage and do not forget to include a description.
- Write an adventure story of a child during World War II. (This could be continued throughout the rest of the term, to be turned into a book. It could also be set in a different country).
- An idea of your own?

Fortnightly Home Learning Tasks

Children will receive fortnightly homework, which will include maths, English, and reading. The homework will also include spellings, which the children may be tested on. The work will be set on Google Classroom and we expect, where possible, the children to complete the work and submit it using this technology. We encourage children to complete their homework independently in order to consolidate their learning in school. In year 6 we encourage the children to read both independently and to an adult at home on a daily basis.

Take Home Tasks

A sheet of suggested take home tasks is included. Children can choose an activity from these to complete alongside their home learning. During this term, please try to encourage your child to complete as many of the tasks as possible in an imaginative way. These tasks are designed to be family projects where all members of the family can get involved with bringing our current topic to life at home. We would suggest that you try to complete at least two of these tasks during the term.

You could also come up with ideas of your own.

The tasks can be completed/uploaded in the Google Classroom if you wish.

Thank you ever so much for your continued help and support with your child's learning.



School term dates 2025/26

	September 2025					October 2025					November 2025					December 2025				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		
Thursday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25			
Friday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26			
Saturday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27			
Sunday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28			

	January 2026					February 2026					March 2026					April 2026				
Monday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		
Tuesday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28			
Wednesday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29			
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24			
Saturday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25			
Sunday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26			

	May 2026					June 2026					July 2026					August 2026				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25			
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Key

- Bank holidays (see details below)
- School holidays
- 3 September = INSET day for most schools (5 INSET days in total, chosen by individual schools)

First day of term

Last day of term

Bank holidays 2025/26

Christmas Day	Thurs 25 December 2025
Boxing Day	Fri 26 December 2025
New Year's Day	Thurs 1 January 2026
Good Friday	Fri 3 April 2026
Easter Monday	Mon 6 April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	Mon 4 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Mon 25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	Mon 31 August 2026

Number of days (total requirement 195)

Autumn 1 st half	38
Autumn 2 nd half	35
Spring 1 st half	30
Spring 2 nd half	25
Summer 1 st half	29
Summer 2 nd half	38
TOTAL	195
	(includes 5 INSET days)