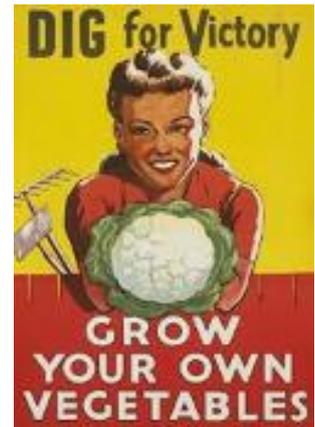


Blue Whales Term 3: Life during World War 2

This term in Blue Wales we will be learning all about World War 2, and how it affected the lives of the people living in Britain at the time. We will learn about rationing, blackouts, the Battle of Britain and evacuation of children from the towns and cities. Our trip to the International Bomber Command Centre will get the topic off to a great start!



We will focus our reading on texts involved in the topic, including the diary of Anne Frank, as this gives a child's-eye view of events in the 1940s. For fiction we will read extracts from Carrie's War and Goodnight Mister Tom as well as looking at newspapers and reports from the time. We will use all of these texts as a starting point for our own writing, using all of our Year 6 writing skills to produce letters and diaries, as well as balanced arguments and persuasive writing about

World War 2.

In Maths we will be ensuring that we are totally confident with our arithmetic skills including calculating fractions and percentages of numbers. We will also be making sure that we know everything about properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will solve problems that use ratio and proportion and work with simple algebra to find missing numbers.



For our science this term, our topic is electricity and we will be looking at different materials and whether they insulate or conduct and can be used to complete a circuit.

PE will include swimming for three weeks (starting on Monday 28th January) and the children will also take part in boxercise classes on Wednesday mornings to work on and improve their fitness.



Home learning challenges

We will be sending home the Year 5 and 6 spelling words this term – these are words that all children in Y5/6 should be able to spell so added to daily home reading, the children will need to practise using these words in sentences too.

Write a diary!

Write a diary entry from the point of view of somebody living in Britain between 1939 and 1945, or of someone in the army or RAF.

Design a poster!

Propaganda was very important during the war, and posters were used everywhere to convince people that the war was going well. They also were used to give important messages for what citizens could do to help with the war effort.



Make a model!

Build a model shelter that could be used when the air raid siren was sounded. Take a picture or bring it in to show us.