

Theme:

During this term, the children in Year 4 will be focussing on **'World War 2'**. We will be exploring this theme in our guided reading looking closely at 'The amazing story of Adolphus Tips'.

The children will be immersed in the vast literature and history of the war looking at facts and figures and making their own opinions.

In **English** we will focus on:

- Chronological reports detailing the key events of WW2.
- A diary entry written from the perspective of Lily from our guided reading book: The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips.
- A letter to invite our families to our street party.
- A diary of an evacuee.
- Our own WW2 poetry.

In **music**, we will look at World War 2 themed songs. In doing so, we will see how this raised morale and entertained the brave, hard working troops. We will also have the opportunity to learn a brass instrument with Mr Crowther in preparation for our end of year brass performance.

In our **performing arts** lessons, NAPA will be helping us to prepare a war time showcase.

Maths

We will be focussing on our number and place value skills including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We will also be using our mathematical skills to solve problems, undertake investigations and develop our reasoning in support of our answers.

We will also apply our mathematical skills using them to weigh and measure food rationed in the war and collect data of bombed cities across the UK .

RE

We will be exploring what it means to belong to a community. We will focus on conscientious objectors and the beliefs of soldiers in the war.

Year 4 Term 1:

'As the bomb drops'



In **science**, we will be focussing on the key invention of Morse code and the air raid siren and how they were used to protect people. We will look at the vital role electricity played in helping the people of Britain during the war. We will learn how to build our own circuits, identify errors and resolve these.

By the end of this term in **PE**, we will be working on our team skills through various sports.

We will also be developing our dance and performance skills as we showcase to both our families and the whole school.

WOW EVENTS!

We will be hosting the "Bricknell Street Party" in which we will dress up, perform our war time songs, showcase our fantastic work, and dance for victory! It will be an event not to be missed!

In **design and technology** this term we will research, design and create our very own Anderson Shelters and will be working scientifically to test appropriate materials for them. The question is, will it keep us safe?

For food technology, we will research and prepare our own rationing packs and find out what it was really like to eat during the war!

In **geography and history** this term, we will explore the impacts that the war had on Britain taking a deeper look into the effects of rationing, evacuation and the toll the immense bombing had on Britain. We will be using atlases and ordnance survey mapping to investigate the devastation the war had on Britain and understand the European countries involved in this war.