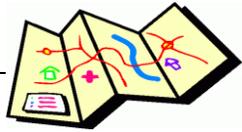


## Information for Parents and Carers

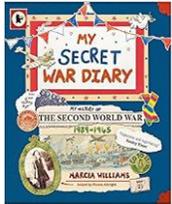
### Class 4: Spring Term 1



## How did World War Two affect children in Saddleworth?

This term we will begin our **History** topic about life for children during the Second World War. The children will orient themselves using time-lining skills and use a range of sources to investigate what daily life was like.

#### English:



This half term, our writing will be inspired by our learning in History. Together, we will read My Secret War Diary by Marcia Williams and use this as a basis for writing in character. Grammar, punctuation and spelling rules will continue to be a focus, alongside regular reading comprehension work. Class 4 will also be taking part in a poetry writing project in collaboration with our colleagues in the Dovestone Learning Partnership, culminating in a writing competition where the winners' work will be presented at the Saddleworth Literary Festival (details to follow).

#### Maths:



In **maths**, we will begin with place value revision – focussing on negative numbers and roman numerals. Throughout the half term, the children will learn to rotate and translate shapes on an axis, convert between units of measurement and continue to build understanding of fractions.

#### Science:

This term our topic is “Living things and their habitats” which includes learning about the life cycles of some mammals, reptiles, birds and plants. The children will also learn about the reproductive cycles of plants and some animals.



#### PE & Games:

This half term's PE will be **Agility** on Thursdays and **Hockey** on Fridays.



Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school at all times, as days can change if the hall is booked out or the weather is poor. Please provide trainers or pumps and bobbles to tie back long hair.

#### How you can help at home

- Class 4 home-learning will be set on **Fridays** and should be completed by the following **Wednesday**.
- It will usually consist of a piece of **Maths and English** work to consolidate the learning in class – Maths will be set on MATHLETICS.
- There will also be a set of **spelling words** for the children to practise for a spelling test each Friday.
- To support our topic learning this term, there will be a set of **HOME LEARNING CHALLENGES**. The children should do a minimum of **3 each half term**. *These will be celebrated and shared with the class!*
- Children will note their home learning in their diary each week. **Please sign the diary and use the comments box** as a way of communicating with me; how they got on, what they enjoyed and any issues that cropped up so that I can follow it up ASAP.



#### Class 4 - Dates for your diary:

- 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Parents' SATs workshop 6pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Visiting Poet Ian Bland
- 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Class 4 Visit Stockport Museum and Air Raid Shelter
- 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friezland Flip for Pancake Day
- 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half term
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb & 8<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Teacher Meetings



#### Cross Curricular Learning:

This half term, the children will work on their **Music** project in collaboration with Saddleworth School and our partner schools from the Dovestone Learning Partnership. Mrs Wilson will prepare the children for a performance later in the year (details will follow). Our **PSHCE** and **SEAL** work this half-term will include “Going for Goals” as well as a covering Drugs & Alcohol Education during our whole-school themed week. Our **Computing** topic is databases, in **RE** the children will learn about sacred texts and teachings in Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism and in **Art** they will try lino printing!

