

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2: Peace and Conflict

Robins

This half term our topic is, 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children were astounded to find a crime scene just outside the Robin's classroom on Tuesday morning! Who could have made this mess?! Could the paw prints and clumps of fur provide us with any clues?! After being excellent detectives, the Robins decided that the big, bad wolf was responsible, and the newspaper article proved that they were in fact correct! In History, we will be looking at buildings of historical importance in Longford including The Cheese Factory, The Old Mill, Longford Hall and The Pump House. We will be map making and using compass directions in Geography to help the three little pigs find their way to safety! In Art/DT they will have the opportunity to build dens/houses and this will enable the children to use their knowledge of materials and their properties in Science. Our new construction area is already a big hit! The core text we will be working from is 'Axel Scheffler's' version of 'The Three Little Pigs'.



Woodpeckers

This term, we will be continuing with our topic 'The Romans'. We begin this term by linking our geography to our English work - we will be using the text 'Earth Shattering Events' to write an explanation on how volcanoes erupt. We will also be using non-fiction Roman texts as well as our knowledge from our history to write a non-chronological report all about The Romans. In Science, our new unit this term is States of Matter, where we will be looking at solids, liquids, gases and the water cycle in greater detail. Our History continues with 'The Romans' and our Geography continues with natural disasters with a focus on earthquakes and tsunamis. This term in Art, we are continuing to focus on Joseph Wright, working towards our final composition where we will be creating a Joseph Wright Vesuvius inspired painting.

Owls

This term, the class topic continues to be World War 2, supported by using the core text 'The Diary of Anne Frank'. In Autumn we will be focusing particularly on both British and Worldwide events during the war. This will include events such as D-Day, the Holocaust (this gets studied in full in secondary school, so we will be just looking at it through the diary and giving a brief overview), VE day and Christmas during WW2. The class will be completing various tasks within this topic which help look at key questions such as:

- What was the significance of D-Day?
- How did the Holocaust end?
- What was VE day really like?
- How was Christmas celebrated during WW2?

In English we will be producing some diary entries, based on Anne Frank and VE day, and we will be looking at playscripts. Our art is looking at the WW2 propaganda posters of Fougasse and producing our own propaganda posters. In science this half-term we will be studying electricity, including electrical safety, electrical symbols and circuit diagrams, circuit repairs, cells and circuits in products.

