

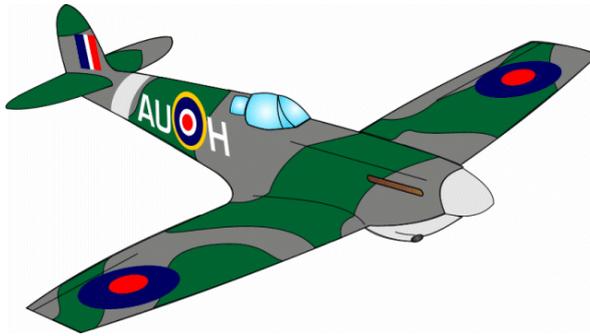
Dear Parents, Carers and Year 3 Students,



Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and that the children are looking forward to coming back to school and starting their journey into Year 3. The classroom is all set up and I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone during our first term together.

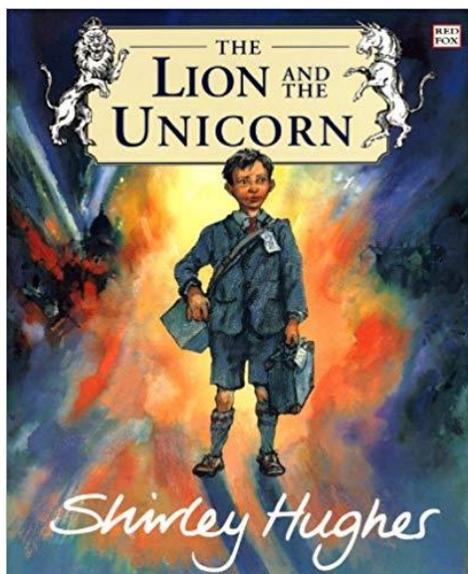
## What's Coming Next?

Our first topic this year will be



# WARTIME BRITAIN

This fascinating and important era of British history is a brilliant place to start our learning journey together. We will be looking at what daily life was like for different people during wartime Britain as well as discovering the effect it had on our local community. In the early part of the autumn term, we will be embarking on a trip to Coventry cathedral and we will also be hosting an interactive evacuee experience at school - more details to follow!

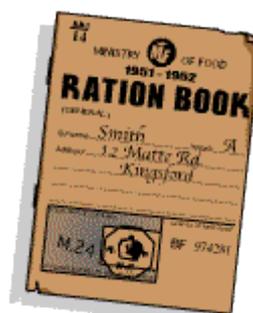


We will study several texts during this topic including: The Lion and the Unicorn and When Hitler stole pink rabbit as well as extracts from Goodnight Mr Tom. The class has already begun to look at the story of Lenny, a child evacuated to the countryside during the war, and were eager to find out more about his life and intriguing story. We will use these texts as inspiration for our own writing which will include narrative work, recounts and instructional texts.

To begin with, our maths sessions will focus on ensuring subject knowledge of place value is secure. We will then develop this understanding using the four key mathematical operations.

In science, the class will be looking at how animals (including humans) need the right types and amount of nutrition and how they support themselves using muscles and skeletons.

Rationing was an important part of everyday life during the war and throughout our DT lessons the children will be learning about what exactly rationing was and how people coped. They will even have the chance to make and taste some ration recipes. Towards the end of our first half term, we will also be looking at the term 'make do and mend' and investigating what that means and improving our sewing skills. If you have any unwanted pieces of fabric, please speak to myself as I am sure we will be able to make use of these for our final projects.



Our computing sessions will focus on word processing and coding this term and we will also be discussing the important issue of e-safety with the children.

In RE we will look at life as a journey and how different religions mark significant occasions throughout their lives. Our values this term are thankfulness and responsibility.

### Useful Information



Our PE sessions will be on Monday and Thursday this year. During our indoor PE session, we will focus on dance skills, linking this closely to our topic work, whilst our outdoor sessions will look at invasion games. Please make sure the children bring their PE kit to school on a Monday and keep it at school all week as PE lessons are subject to change. If children do not have the correct kit they will not be able to take part in the session.

Correct kit consists of:

House colour t-shirt (either red, green, yellow or blue) or white t-shirt

Black shorts

Black pumps

For outside PE: plain trainers, change of socks and plain jogging bottoms, hoodie/warm top

### Homework

Homework will be set on a Wednesday to be returned the following Monday (unless specified).

Why not come along to the **Open Classroom** event on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** where I will be on hand to talk a little bit more about this year. I will set out my expectations for everything from reading to homework and give everyone more information about what life in Year 3 is all about and how you can help your child to have a successful year at school.



### Important Dates

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Term starts

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Open Classroom 3:30pm-5:00pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Roald Dahl Day - Fancy Dress

W/C Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Protective Behaviours Week

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Individual school photographs

W/C Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Coding Week

One again, welcome to Year 3 and I look forward to working with you all over the course of this year.

Kind Regards

Miss Rudgalvis