

Chawson 1st School

WW2 Topic Letter

Year 3

ENGLISH

What? Using the text *The Lion and the Unicorn*, we will be investigating a range of writing styles including diary and letter writing. During our skills work we will be focusing on tense e.g. was/were/are and conjunctions.

Why? Your child will learn to write in a style that conveys emotions and experiences. Whilst doing this, they will be practising key skills including using:

- A range of punctuation (e.g. !? , Capital letters and full stops.)
- Adjectives to describe. (e.g. bright, deafening)
- Conjunctions to extend sentences. (e.g. because, but, so, while)

WOW! To inspire their writing, we will watch war time footage and clips of planes.

Help at home by:

- Discussing what children have been up to each day.
- Talk to relatives with wartime memories.

Our first topic this year is: WW2
We will learn lots about what life was like with a particular focus on life for children in the war.



MATHS

What? We will be following our Teach it, Practise it, Do it, Secure it and Deepen it approach, across a lesson, enabling all children to access the learning. Reasoning will be built into all areas of maths understanding through the questions asked in our Deepen it part of the lesson. Topics this half term will include counting, adding and subtracting 1's and 10's from any number, calculations involving addition and subtraction, place value, ordering and comparing numbers and mental maths. We will start recapping these objectives first with 2 digit numbers but will soon move onto 3 digit understanding HTO after a few weeks.

Why? Your children need to practice these key skills as the basis for later learning.

Weekly tables TTRS practice at home a weekly sheets in class will encourage your child to beat their best tables score each week.

Help at home by:

Practising times tables. Being confident to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10 this half term, up to 12 lots. Being able to say how much $7 \times 5 =$ without starting to count 5, 10, 15, etc essential.

Cross curricular

What? War World 2—exploring life in Britain during this period of history.

Why? It's an important and interesting topic where children learn what it would have been like to be sent away to live in a strange place with people they did not know, and how things were different in the past.

WOW! We will be designing and making models of shelters, building shelters in forest school, singing wartime songs and learning wartime dances.

PE Information

3K — Wednesday and Friday
3L — Tuesday and Thursday

Please come wearing PE kit on these days. White polo shirt, black shorts, black tracksuit bottoms, dark or white sports trainers, (Not colourful fashion trainers please) Pumps will not be suitable when the playground is wetter later in the Autumn term.

Upcoming events:

We will be having a WW2 theme day on **Friday 8th November**. As part of our topic children will be able to dress like an evacuee and we will revisit some of our WW2 dances as part of a VE Day celebration.
We will also be performing our own WW2 play for you on **Tuesday 26th November**. Look out for further details!

Homework:

- Please look out for our "Talk for Ten" oracy talking activity each Monday.
- Each topic will have a homework project that will have several weeks in which to complete it.
- Regular reading is also expected and children have a home reading card for you to fill in when they have read.
- Also please practice tables weekly on TTRS or other ways. This year the children will learn 3, 4 and 8 in addition to being secure with 2, 5 and 10.

Important dates:

- Parent's Evenings
- Tuesday 8th October
- Thursday 10th October
- Friday 8th November -WW2 theme day. Please dress up.
- Wednesday 23rd October-Trip to RAF Cosford.
- HALF TERM
- Break up—Thursday 24th October.
- Back to school Tuesday 5th November.