

Courtney Primary Topic Sheet – Why was Bristol bombed?

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English

Given how much the children enjoyed Michael Morpurgo's "War Horse", I know they'll love "Friend or Foe" – his story that focuses on evacuees in WW2.

Firstly, we will continue to play around with sentence structure and revisit the use of embedded clauses, which is something we started last term. This will also introduce us to the use of parenthesis in writing with brackets, dashes and commas.

Finally, we will be building on the work they've done in year 4 on speech and correct punctuation. This will help us differentiate between indirect and direct speech.

Maths

Having cracked multiplication and division, we will now move on to fractions for the majority of this term. There's quite a lot to cover but with determination and cheesy maths songs I know we'll get there!

To begin with, we'll be recapping equivalent fractions and converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. This will enable us to compare and order fractions both less than and greater than 1.

The final step will be adding and subtracting both fractions and mixed number.

As always there is a whole school focus on developing our children's reasoning and problem solving skills.

Science

Our topic in science is 'Forces.' We'll be following the footsteps of great scientists such as Isaac Newton and Archimedes!

The children will be learning about balanced and unbalanced forces, before thinking about the different forces that are acting upon us on Earth.

In order to build on this further, we will then investigate the effect of gravity, air resistance and water resistance with various experiments in class.

We will finally look at mechanisms and how these can alter the effects of forces.

RE

Our question for this term is "What would Jesus do? How can we live by his example in modern society?"

We'll learn about the stories and parables that can be found in the bible, analysing their teachings and their relevance today.

Extra Opportunities

We will be visiting Aerospace in Filton to build an understanding of the history of aircrafts in Bristol, as well as the effect of forces on different vehicles. In addition, we are also being visited by Living History Volunteers who will be talking about their experiences during the war. I can't wait to hear their stories!

History

Our history work will focus on the impact of WW2, both from a national and a local point of view. They will interpret and analyse both primary and secondary sources for this.

The children will learn about rationing, evacuation and the role of women amongst many other things.

Computing

In computing this term we will be continuing our work on data handling, which will include spreadsheeting and statistical analysis.

We will also begin to look at Media and its different uses.

Art/DT

In art, we will be analysing WW2 propaganda posters before creating our own. We will also be looking at WW2 artists and how their representation of war compares to this.

DT will involve digging for victory and making allotment soup!

PSHE

In PSHE we will be following a scheme of work called "Jigsaw" which focuses on 6 key themes. This term we will be thinking about "Dreams and goals"

Our Courtney Crown Value this term is "We set ambitious targets for ourselves within the community." This will also feed into our weekly circle times.

PE

As a school we follow the "Real PE" scheme of work which focuses on building up core skills and applying them in games. On Wednesdays the children will have a PE session with Mr Smith, our sports coach. They will also have another session on an alternative day in the week, either with myself or Mr Smith again.

If your child has long hair please make sure it is tied up on these days, and that they can take out their earrings. All children should have suitable PE kit kept at school.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a very happy new year to you all 😊 I hope you all had a fun-filled and restful time over the holidays.

Now that swimming is over we will return to two PE sessions at school. While Wednesday sessions will stay the same, the extra session may alternate – please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times.

We've got another busy term ahead and I'm really excited for all the things to come – in particular, our school trip to Aerospace on Thursday 24th January!

To support your child with their learning, please encourage them to:

- read every day and remember to bring their reading book and reading diary to school every day – we are having a real push on this and we've nearly got 100% of children having achieved a reading certificate this term!
- learn their multiplication tables as part of our Multiplication Masters programme.
- take opportunities to try out their maths and English as much as possible – telling the time, writing letters etc
- do their homework and hand it in on time! Homework will be given every Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday at the very latest.

It would help the children enormously if there are any parents or grandparents who are able to lend a hand in class – the children always absolutely love it when we have helpers in. If you could spare even 30 minutes at the start or end of the school day, or any other time, then please do get in touch – it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about what we will be learning then just let me know. Here's to a fabulous second term 😊
Best wishes,

Mrs Elmore