



BRITAIN AT WAR

In the Britain at War project, your child will learn about the main causes of the First World War and which countries were the major players. They will investigate why so many men volunteered to fight and then sequence the events at the start of the war. Children will learn about life in the trenches and the consequences of new weaponry. They will listen to first-hand accounts of life on the home front and evaluate the impact of war on everyday life. They will also discover the events that led to the Allied Powers' victory and the consequences of the Treaty of Versailles. The children will also learn about the causes and main events of the Second World War. They will find out how Britain prepared itself for war and the war's impact on civilian life. They will learn about the Battle of Britain and how it proved to be a key turning point for the Allied Powers. The children will research the causes and consequences of the end of the Second World War and investigate the legacy of the wars in Britain.

Unit focus	History
English	Independent writing – life in the trenches; diary of an evacuee; weaponry information text Y6 SATs revision
Maths	Shape; position and direction; converting units of measure; negative numbers Y6 SATs revision
Computing	Research; presentations
PE	Athletics; rounders; cricket
RHE	Being my Best; Growing and Changing
Science	Light; Evolution and Inheritance
Geography	Maps; Europe
History	WWI and WWII
RE	Sikhism – what is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God? Christianity – what does it mean for Christians if God is holy and loving?
Art and Design	Bees, beetles and butterflies – observational art, mixed media collage and pop art
Design and technology	Make do and mend
Music	Preparation for Amplified concert (on 20.5.24)
French	Ma famille

KEY VOCABULARY

Please support your child to learn the definition and spelling of the following words:

alliance	A group of countries who have agreed to work together because of shared aims.
appeasement	Giving the opposing side something they have demanded to prevent further disagreement.
colony	A nation controlled by another country.
conscription	Forcing people by law to join the armed services.
genocide	The deliberate killing of large numbers of people from a particular nation or ethnic group, with the aim of destroying that nation or group.
imperialism	The desire to conquer and colonise other countries.
militarism	The belief that it is necessary to build up and use strong armed forces to gain power, money and land.
reparation	Payment made by a defeated country after a war to pay for damages it caused to another country.
stalemate	A situation in which neither side can get an advantage, and no action can be taken.