



Carnforth Christ Church C of E Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to the Autumn Term edition of the Curriculum News. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, oakclass@christchurch-carnforth.lancs.sch.uk, if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this term.

This term in **Oak Class** our topic will be:
'World War Two'



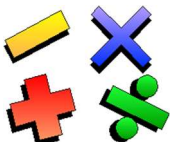
Throughout this topic, we will focus on many events of World War II and how these events impacted people living at the time. In this topic, we will explore these key questions:

History	Geography
What events led up to the beginning of World War Two? What were the key events of World War Two for Britain?	What was Europe like before the second world war? How did Europe's borders change?
What was life like for local people during World War Two?	How did war change European cities? How did populations move across Europe?
What was the impact of World War Two on Britain? Our local area?	How did transport help shape Europe? How was land used differently during the war?
How did people support the war effort in Britain and our local area?	How did Europe rebuild after 1945?



In **Art**, we will be developing our drawing skills when using a variety of textures and mediums to draw the human form. This topic will link to the artwork created by Sir Henry Moore during The Blitz.

During our **English** lessons, we will link our learning to our topic by studying three fiction books: a short picture book called 'Rose Blanche' by Christophe Gallaz and Roberto Innocenti, and two novels, 'Code Name Kingfisher' by Liz Kessler and 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian. Through our English lessons, we will be writing for a range of different purposes and developing our reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. In the second half term, we will also focus on writing poetry linked to WWII.



In our **Maths** lessons, we will build on our knowledge of place value, calculation and fractions. We will practise our reasoning skills alongside our new learning.

Father Ryan will be running confirmation classes in Oak Class this half term and he will be covering information based on the Christian Eucharist. After half term, we will be looking at how Christians prepare for Christmas. Throughout these topics, we will be making connections between Christianity and Judaism and will be deepening our understanding of Advent.



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In **PSHE**, we will be learning about families and friendships. Through this topic, we will explore different relationships, healthy and unhealthy relationships, inclusion, peer pressure and peer influence (including online).

During **Science** lessons, we will be exploring the dynamics between the Earth, Moon and Sun, using this knowledge to better understand what exactly happens to create day and night, why the sun appears to move across the sky and why the moon appears to change shape during a lunar cycle. During Autumn 2, we will be learning about light and how we see things.



In **Computing**, we will be completing the units, 'We are Toy Makers' and 'We are computational thinkers.'

In **Music**, we will be building our skills when using Ocarinas and we will explore rhythm and melody in singing, movement and dance.

PE this term will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Please ensure your child arrives at school in a full PE kit, which includes: a white t-shirt, plain black shorts and pumps/trainers.

A **homework** timetable for **spellings** will be sent out at the start of each half-term, and it will also be available on the school website class pages. Our weekly **spelling test** will be on a **Friday** morning. Each week, the children will also be set a **Maths quiz** on <https://www.maths.co.uk/>. Please encourage your child to complete this as independently as possible. The children have login details in their reading records, and a letter has been sent home about this.



We will also expect the children to **read at home, with an adult, at least 3 times a week**. Please make a comment/sign your child's reading record each time you read. Reading records will be monitored weekly.

When reading with your child, try to ask them questions about what they have read: linked to tricky words, characters, motives, predictions or feelings. Reading for pleasure isn't just a hobby. It also has links to a range of benefits including stronger writing skills, as well as improved wellbeing and confidence.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any part of your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,
Miss Sophie Wooff