

Year 6 – Topic 1
**‘The War in My
Town’**

Learning Planner

This half term, Year 6 will be stepping back in history to understand how World War One and World War Two impacted upon our locality. Through our history and English curriculum, we will be studying the impact of war.

Connect & Wonder

- An evacuee experience
- Access to the cinema room to watch ‘Boy in the Striped Pyjamas’.
- Tour our local area, visiting war memorials to understand how war impacted the locality.
- Reading and performing inspiring war poetry to construct our own.

For the Love of Reading

Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

By John Boyne

A young boy (Bruno) is uprooted from their home in Berlin to a desolate area, where there’s no one to play with until he meets Schmel, a boy who lives on the other side of a mysterious, barbed-wire fence. As Bruno pieces together the brutal world he’s living in, will his understanding come too late?

Investigate & Construct

- **History:** We will interview an actual war baby, gaining an insight into real-life experiences of War World Two. We will also explore artefacts and different historical sources to study how wartime affected the UK and our locality.
- **Art:** Research the artist Picasso and understand his style and technique. We will then be creating a self-portrait in the style of Picasso by understanding facial features and proportion.
- **Science:** In Science, we will be looking at how we can make the most of our bodies. We will do this by looking at the circulatory system and how our heart keeps us alive.
- **PSHE:** Learning how we can keep healthy as we grow and exploring positive relationships and engagement in group activities.
- **PE:** Learn, practise and apply key skills in Hockey and gymnastics
- **Computing:** Coding, designing and de-bugging programs, using logical reasoning to explain algorithms.
- **RE:** We will look into Hinduism and understand their beliefs and aims.

Express & Reflect

To showcase their War World Two projects to members of the community and war veterans.

Key Vocabulary

World War Primary evidence
Secondary evidence Artefacts
Local Past Present
Blitz Axis Allies Conflict
Holocaust