



HISTORY - BRITAIN AT WAR

In our History lessons children 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. Using various sources of evidence, the 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. They will also hear about Anne Frank and discover what her story tells us about the treatment of Jewish people by the Nazi Party. 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. Closer to home, the children will research the life of a local First World War hero who sacrificed their life fighting for Britain. They will also investigate the legacy of these global conflicts in the post-war period.

ART - DISTORTION AND ABSTRACTION

In our latest Art topic, children will take on a creative journey intertwined with the historical narrative of Britain at War. Delving into the concepts of abstraction and distortion, children will explore the visual language of art to convey powerful messages inspired by wartime experiences.

The project begins with an exploration of abstraction, where children study the realm of non-representational art forms. Through discussions and analysis, they uncover the visual characteristics of abstraction and its ability to evoke emotions and convey ideas beyond the literal representation.

Guided by the spirit of wartime resilience and creativity, children will use their knowledge and understanding of abstraction into the creation of musically-inspired abstract paintings. Drawing inspiration from the melodies, rhythms, and emotions of wartime music, children translate these auditory sensations into vibrant visual expressions on canvas.

RE - Expressions

In our RE lessons, children will explore the diverse ways people express their beliefs through creative endeavours. From gospel-style songwriting to the exploration of Islamic art forms, children will delve into the power of creative expression to communicate religious beliefs. Through soulful melodies children will explore how to convey themes of love, hope, and redemption, drawing inspiration from their religious teachings and personal experiences. Simultaneously, their exploration of Islamic art reveals the intricate beauty and symbolism embedded within calligraphy, geometric patterns, and architecture, offering insights into Muslim beliefs and values.

Children will also learn about the various ways individuals communicate with the divine across different faiths, including prayer, meditation, rituals, and acts of service. Through discussions and presentations, they appreciate the diverse spiritual practices that connect individuals to their beliefs. By understanding examples of religious expression, such as the symbolism within a Hindu temple's intricate architecture, children will gain deeper insights into spiritual beliefs and the tangible manifestations of faith.