Phoenix Autumn 2 Newsletter

What We'll Be Learning This Half Term

English

In English this half term, we will be making a cross curricular link with our History work. We will start off by exploring list poetry and writing our own versions of The Soldier's Pocket. We will be using the book Rose Blanche as a driver to write persuasive letters and finishing the term writing narratives inspired by The Christmas Truce.

Science

Our science unit on light will also be linked to our topic work though the key question: 'How can our understanding of light explain the ways it was used during WW2? Through this unit of work, we will be exploring reflective materials that were used for searchlights, how beams from searchlights helped pilots, which materials would have worked best during a blackout and how submarine crews used reflected light.

History

In History this half term, World War 2 will be our focus and the lasting impact it has had in Britain. Within that, we will be talking about the Blitz, evacuation and the Holocaust.

Maths

We will continue our work with decimals at the beginning of this half term by using it practically through money. We will then move onto negative numbers and some work on multiplication and division.

RE

In RE this half term, we will be exploring why some people believe in God and others do not. This is always an interesting topic to delve into with many different beliefs and opinions in the room. Key vocabulary this half term will be: atheist, theist and agnostic. By the end of the term, the children will be clear in their meaning, their differences and possibly be able to align their own beliefs and ideas with one of the categories. We hope to get some ideas from home to help with our discussions in class. Please keep an eye out for this on Seesaw in the coming weeks.

Dates

November 11th - Remembrance Service
November 19th - Stay and Learn
December 11th - Panto
December 16th - Christingle
December 17th - Party Afternoon
Please see the calendar on the school website for more details