

Battle of Britain and Rio 2016

Summer Term

Numeracy:

We will continue to practise our mental maths skills through CLIC and will be working on our understanding of decimals and fractions. We will also be looking at angles, perimeter and areas of shapes. Later we will be interpreting data as we continue to develop our reasoning and problem solving skills, making sure we practise and apply our calculation strategies in different contexts.

History and Geography

Through the Battle of Britain topic, we will be developing key history skills including chronologically placing important events and using different sources of evidence to research daily life at that time. Our geography focus will be on comparing key features of Grantham with a town in Germany and analysing evidence from these locations using photographs, pictures and maps .

Through our Rio topic, we will be developing our geography skills using globes, maps and atlases to locate different counties linked to the Olympic games. Our Legacy Challenge will help us understand the benefits of a healthy lifestyles as we prepare for our Sports Day in July.

We will start the term by looking back at the Battle of Britain and Lincolnshire's role as "Bomber County". We will begin to consider our historic relationship with Europe and Germany during this period, then bring this up to date with a closer look at our relationship with Germany in the 21st Century. Our 'Battle of Britain Day' will set the scene as we develop skills to use different types of evidence to help us understand key themes, such as evacuation and rationing and explore key events from that time. We will use art and poetry to share our thoughts as well as develop food preparation skills linked to rationing.

As we then look forward to the Rio Olympics, we will focus on our geography skills as we locate and find out about the countries taking part.

Science—Light & Sound

This term we will be investigating different sources of light. We are hoping for sunny weather as our key focus is finding out about shadows and investigating how the size and position of shadows changes over time.

Within music lessons, we will be exploring how sound is made and travels and investigating how we can alter pitch and volume.

We will continue our work on healthy eating and making healthy snacks using foods that were available at the time of rationing. We will also be growing vegetables .

Literacy:

Initially we will be looking at shape poetry and the language features poets use to entertain us, so we can use them to write our own poems. We will explore stories with dilemmas and, alongside our topic work, we will be creating explosive Blitz poems and creating persuasive leaflets linked to WWII propaganda posters. We will be developing descriptive writing techniques as we share stories with historical settings. We will improve our ICT skills as we research and present information about WWII in a multi-media presentation and carry out simple searches of databases.

Educational Visits

Year 3 children are going to Belvoir Cricket Club for a fantastic day of cricket and outdoor fun. Year 4 children will be going on their residential to Kingswood at the end of June which will be a great outdoor adventure for them!

P.E.

It's summer time so we will be focussing on Outdoor Adventure Activities, field games including Cricket and athletics. The last swimming session for Blyton is 10th May and King-Smith will be swimming from Tuesday 17th May. We make the most of being outdoors in the good weather so please make sure your child has a PE kit and trainers in school at all times.