

Riverside Primary School

# Curriculum Newsletter for Families: Year 5/6 - 2025

## Upper Key Stage Two - Year 5/6

This half term our theme is...

# *Behind Enemy Lines*



We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home.

### What are we learning during this theme?

During this unit we will be learning all about the importance of the historic period of World War 2. We will be studying the significance of The Blitz and the impact this had on life in Britain and will also be studying the impact the war had at a local level.

In English we will be reading the Michael Morporgo book - The Eagle in the Snow. We will be using the book to help inspire our writing. In PE we will be enhancing our swimming and golf skills. In RE we will be considering how and why religion brings peace and conflict. In DT we will be making air raid shelters with a focus on strengthening structures.

As part of our No Outsiders programme Year 5/6 will be looking at **Kenny Lives With Erica and Martine** by Olly Pike, the learning intention is to consider consequences. This looks at understanding that all actions have consequences and that they have a choice in behaviour - I join in and behaviour I choose to not join in.



### Trips, Visitors and Experiences

We are hoping to have a rationing tasting experience to kick start our half term which will hopefully be followed by a trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum at the end the Autumn term. More details will follow.

You can also find more information on our Medium Term plan, which is available here:

We also use Knowledge Organisers to support learning, which can be found here:

<https://www.riversideprimary.co.uk/curriculum/>

### How can you support your child at home?

Every week, your child will receive their usual home learning tasks of reading 5 times a week for at least 20 minutes (this must be noted in reading diaries with a parent's signature), spelling practice and either writing or maths homework.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below on how to support your child's learning.

<u>Days out and things to do:</u>	<u>Books to read:</u>	<u>Things to watch:</u>
<p>Rayleigh Museum (next to Pizza Express) <a href="#">Rayleigh Town Museum   Home Page   based in Rayleigh Essex</a></p> <p>Imperial War Museum <a href="#">What's on IWM London</a></p> <p>HMS Belfast <a href="#">Visit HMS Belfast</a></p> <p>Visit the Cenotaph or local war memorials</p> <p>Visit the Royal Air Force Museum <a href="#">Spitfire Experience   RAF Spitfire   Spitfire London   RAF Museum</a></p> <p>Chatham Docks <a href="#">The Historic Dockyard Chatham - Your Big Day Out in Kent</a></p> <p>Portsmouth Historic Dockyard <a href="#">Homepage</a></p> <p>Ask older relatives about their knowledge of World War 2- we would love to hear their stories here at school!</p>	<p>Why not pop to the local library and loan out some books that link to our theme?</p> <p>Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian</p> <p>Carrie's War by Nina Bawden</p> <p>Rose Blanche by Roberto Innocenti and Christophe Gallaz</p> <p>The Machine Gunners by Robert Westall</p> <p>The Missing: The True Story of My Family in World War II by Michael Rosen</p> <p>Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll</p> <p>The Emergency Zoo by Miriam Halahmy</p> <p>When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr</p>	<p>Woeful Second World War, Horrible Histories</p> <p>Carrie's War</p> <p>Goodnight Mister Tom</p> <p>The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe</p> <p>BedKnobs and Broomsticks</p> <p>There are many other wonderful films about World War 2 but they are often rated 12A, therefore we will not include these in our lists as it will be up to parental discretion if you want your child to watch those films.</p>