



To Victory?

Year 6 AUTUMN 1 Cycle A

Is war ever justifiable?

Values [RESPECT](#) | [EMPATHY](#) | [COURAGE](#) | [GRATITUDE](#)

Overview In this unit, alongside rigorous historical knowledge about a key wartime period, children will develop empathic understanding and appreciation for the impact of war. The key text, *Letters from a Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll, will guide a learning examination of World War II; exploring issues such as evacuation, patriotism, conflict resolution and the human spirit. Through literary study and analysis, children will apply their acquired historical and geographical knowledge to inform their writing of letters, diaries, poetry and monologues.

Engagement Children will visit the Cambridge American Cemetery to pay their respects to those who were lost in war. A first-hand meeting with WWII veterans will bring to life the real experiences of war to provide genuine insight and invoke empathic responses.

Celebration Poignant performances of poems and monologues.

Curriculum Spotlight

Focus Texts:

[Place & Time](#)

Geography★: (Minor) GKS2.1a, GKS2.1c

History★: (Major) HKS2.5d

[Citizenship & Ethics](#)

PSHE★:

[Arts & Creativities](#)

Art★:

Music★:

D&T: DTKS2.5a, 5b, 5c.

[Physical & Emotional Health](#)

PE★:

[Faith & Belief](#)

RE★:

[Language, Literacy and Oracy](#)

Writing★: Letter writing, diaries, poetry, monologues, narrative

[Science & Technology](#)

Science: SY5.5a, 5b, 5c

Computing:

Habits of Mind

Developing reciprocal skills of listening, cooperative learning, feelings of others,

Oracy & Dialogue

Oracy Skills: acting (expression), stable groupings, debating, philosophy (cognitive oracy strand), speeches, performance poetry (physical, linguistic, cognitive), singing

Playful Enquiry

Functional (construction), symbolic (invasion creations), pretence (role-play), games with rules. Wartime Britain enrichment day in role, Designing models and artefacts

Visitors

War Veterans and museum educators

Educational Visits / Enrichment Day

American Cemetery, Duxford Air Museum, War Rooms London, Local air raid shelters

Learning Street

Air Raid Shelter, Enigma Code Cracking, Public service announcement, letters to loved ones

Subject		Learning Journey					
		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Arts & Creativities	Art	★	★	★	★	★	★
	Music	★	★	★	★	★	★
Language, Literacy & Oracy	Key texts		Letters from a lighthouse				
	Oracy	Oracy Assessments	Role-play	Drama	Group task	Performance Poetry	
	Writing		Letter writing	Diary	Poetry	Narrative (monologue)	
	Spelling		Year 3/4 common exception words	Year 3/4 spelling patterns review	Year 5 common exception words	Year 5 spelling patterns review	Prefix and suffixes
	Grammar		Sentence structure Capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks	Apostrophes	Subordinate clauses Commas Paragraphs	Relative clauses (who, which, where, when, that)	Fronted adverbials Similes
Mathematics	Maths		Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Measurement (inc. imperial and metric measurements)
Science & Technology	Science		Forces SY5.5a		Forces SY5.5b		Forces SY5.5c
	Computing						
Place & Time	Geography ✦		GKS2.1a ✦ locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities		GKS2.1c ✦ identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)		
	History ✦		HKS2.5d a local history study				
Physical & Emotional Health	PE						
Citizenship & Ethics	PSHE						

	Philosophy for Children						
Faith & Belief	RE						