

# Year 5

Our Autumn term topic is 'Justice'. The children will learn the importance of treating people fairly under established rules and laws. They will study and research this topic through the theme of WWI and WWII - How and why did these wars happen? Who was involved and how were people's lives changed because of this conflict?

As this is the centenary year of WW1, Year 5 will be thinking about all those who died and suffered in the trenches and in No Man's Land. The children will show their feelings and emotions through poetry.

At St. James School, football is very important, of course! Therefore, we will be finding out about famous footballers during the war years.

Many children suffered because of decisions made that changed their lives. We will try to understand how young people were affected during the wars - evacuees and refugees. How did they feel? How did they cope?

We look forward to a special visit from two people who lived during WWII as children. One of them was evacuated while the other stayed at home. We will listen to their personal experiences.

The children will enjoy reading literature about our topic: War Horse, War Game, Goodnight Mr. Tom, The Diary of Anne Frank and Rose Blanche.

What does 'propaganda' mean? How does it work? What kinds of posters were used to influence people during the war? We will be designing our own!

How did people survive in wartime? What did they eat? We will study nutrition and rationing during the war. How did people cope?

The children will be learning about how the wars affected our local communities: shipbuilding on the river Tyne, HMS Kelly and the people of Hebburn.

Many images of war and peace were produced to commemorate those who suffered during those terrible times. We will use our artistic skills to create our own pictures and models about war and peace.