



## **ASHURST CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**



### **Years 5 & 6**

## **"How has conflict impacted our lives?"**

### **Autumn Term 2023**

This term, our topic work will involve analysing the question: 'How has conflict impacted our lives?'

In English, the pupils will be exploring fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be reading the whole class book, "When the Sky Falls" which will be a focus for newspaper report writing, story writing and persuasive writing. We will also be using the texts, "The Silver Sword", "The Lion and the Unicorn" and "Rose Blanche" to explore the impact of the War on children and their families. We will be exploring their thoughts and feelings at the time linked to evacuation and The Blitz through poetry, letter and diary writing.

We will also be continuing to develop our reading comprehension skills as well as our spelling, grammar and punctuation skills.

In history and geography, we will start by focusing on learning about why this conflict arose, who was involved and the geographical locations of these countries. Through texts and other historical sources, including newspapers, we will learn more about the Blitz, evacuation, and life on the Home Front. We will be learning about the effects of War on children in other countries, including the life of Anne Frank and The Holocaust. Our trip to The Wings Museum, Balcombe, will help support our learning about the role of planes, pilots (both men and women) during the War, and how our local area was affected as a result of this conflict.

In the second half of this term we will be learning about Fairtrade. We will be using a variety of resources to find out what Fairtrade is, how farmers and communities benefit from Fairtrade and what we can do to support Fairtrade practices.

Our maths learning will focus on securing our understanding of place value and number and number systems. We will practise reading and writing numbers up to 10 million, including recognising the value of each digit. We will be developing and consolidating our written methods for all 4 operations and using them for problem solving and reasoning activities. We will also look at equivalent fractions, ordering fractions and adding and taking away using fractions.

In music we will learn how to play the ukulele. We will start by learning the strings, then progress onto chords in order to play familiar songs. We will also learn some songs and dances from WWII, thinking about the reasons behind the songs and the experiences of the people at that time.