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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary **Year 2** pupils,

Each term, we send you a letter to let you know what your child will be learning about in each subject. This term, Year 2 will be learning about **World War II** in their **History** lessons. They will continue to develop their historical skills through learning about the key events of the war, what life was like back then, how the war affected Plymouth, VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) and what life was like after.



A knowledge organiser, sharing all of the information that the children will learn about in their History lessons, is attached. Please feel free to use this with your child at home.



In **Science**, the children will learn about gardening, seeds and what a plant needs to grow and stay healthy. The children will be analysing seed packets, planting their own seeds, experimenting with different materials to use as a cloche and then observing the plants as they grow.

In **English**, the children will be learning about the texts 'Zim Zam Zoom' by James Carter and 'Seed to Sunflower' by Camilla de la Bédoyère, while in their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, they will be studying 'The Conquerors' by David McKee and 'Rooster Wore Skinny Jeans' by Jessie Miller.



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In **Maths**, children will learn about multiplication and division, where they will recall doubles and halves. Also, they will recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers. Furthermore, the children will apply this knowledge to help them solve problems using concrete materials and mental methods. The children will learn about fractions, which will consist of identifying fractions $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity and writing simple fractions of whole numbers.

In **RE**, the children will explore the question 'How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter?' and in **SMSC** (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education) the children will learn about 'Being My Best'.



In **Computing** lessons, children will complete a unit called 'Introduction to Quizzes, where they will use Scratch Jr to review, create and modify quizzes. In **Art**, children will be practicing mark making and applying their drawing skills to create a World War Two themed piece.

PE will take place on Fridays - children should wear their PE kit to school on this day please.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please email year2@marineacademy.org.uk. We are really looking forward to another great term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Natasha Howard
Teacher

Mr Oliver Warren
Teacher



Year 2 Term 5 World War II and VE Day

Timeline of Year 2 History Learning

1666

The Great Fire of London



1837 - 1901

The Victorian Era



1914 - 1918

World War I



1939 - 1945

World War II



2020

Life Today



Key Vocabulary

air-raid	An attack by military aircraft in which bombs are dropped, usually over towns and cities.
air-raid shelter	A small structure built for people to shelter in during an air-raid. The two most common shelters in WW2 were Anderson and Morrison Shelters.
blitz	The heavy bombing of British cities, including Plymouth, by German aircraft in 1940 and 1941.
evacuee	Someone who is moved away from danger to a place of safety. During WW2, lots of children were evacuated from the cities to stay with people in the countryside.
gas mask	A special mask to wear over your head to help you to breathe during a gas bomb attack.
rationing	When food, water and other items are limited because there isn't enough of them.



Neville Chamberlain
Prime Minister
1937-1940



Winston Churchill
Prime Minister
1940-1945



Adolf Hitler
Leader of the Nazis
and German Dictator
1933-1945



'VE Day'
Victory in Europe Day
8th March 1945
The Nazis surrendered
and so this day marked
the end of the war in
Europe.