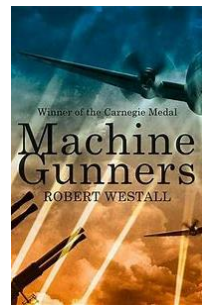




Year 7 – Half term 1

What have we learnt?

In our first exciting half term at Scalby, we have been studying 'Machine Gunners' by Robert Westall. We've been getting to know the characters in the story and are really enjoying watching the story unfold. The story centres around a group of children living in northern England during WW2. We have been practising our skills as creative writers and have tried our hand at script writing.



What are we learning next half term?

Next half term, we will be completing our study of 'Machine Gunners'. We will be developing our analytical reading skills and honing our craft as creative writers.



What can my child be doing at home?

Your child could take part in our Wonderscape competition based on the free book we gave them on transition day. They will also be set regular homework by their teacher. This could be related to their study of 'Machine Gunners' or it could be revising for our regular spelling tests. Students are also encouraged to read as much as they can. Our Reading Routes programme encourages students to read widely. They can also access our digital library, ePlatform, from home.



When are the key assessment points and important dates?

Each term, your child will take part in an enrichment week, which enhances their experience of studying English. This term, the enrichment week is the week commencing 4th November, Our activities centre around remembrance, where students work together to create an artistic poetry installation.

This term's common assessment test will be undertaken during the week commencing 9th December. This assessment tests their reading comprehension and creative writing skills.



What are this half term's dinner table topics?

Talking about their learning really helps to cement their knowledge. Your child is learning some brilliant things. Talking round the dinner table is a great opportunity to hear all about it. Here are some suggested questions you could ask:

- Tell me what's happened in 'The Machine Gunners' so far?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- Are you reading one of the Reading Routes books? Which one? Why?

