

The Topsham School

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Dear Parents,

Year 5/6 Trip to the RAMM Museum in Exeter - WWII Topic

We are excited to inform you that our Year 5/6 students have the opportunity to attend an educational trip to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM) in Exeter as part of our WWII topic. This visit will take place on Wednesday 7th February.

- **Departure Time:** Children can arrive at school at the normal time.
- **Return Time:** We will be back in time for the end of the school day.

The children will need to wear their school uniform on this day.

We have organised a coach to transport us to and from the RAMM Museum. The cost of this trip has been very kindly subsidised by a donation from the PTA and we are asking for a non-refundable voluntary contribution of £1.70 per child. This price is reduced by 50% to £0.85 for children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip, you are able to give consent and make a payment through the payments section of your Schoolcomms account. **Please can we ask that consent is given and payments are made by Monday 29th January at the latest.** We do not receive enough donations, we may have to look at the viability of running this trip and any future trips.

Children will require a packed lunch for this trip. Any existing school dinner bookings for Wednesday 7th February have been removed and if you wish to order a school packed lunch, please ensure you have ordered this online by selecting a baguette option on Schoolcomms **by Monday 29th January at the latest.** We will be unable to provide packed lunches for orders made after this date as we are required to give the kitchen notice in advance.



Throughout the day, our students will engage in a variety of activities led by the museum staff, which will provide them with a deeper understanding of significant aspects of World War II. The activities planned for the day will include the following:

1. Exeter Blitz and Home Life:
 - Exploring genuine artefacts and studying images of the devastation caused by the Exeter Blitz.
 - Learning about how the city dealt with the aftermath of air raids.
 - Handling everyday items found in homes during the war and listening to music on a genuine wind-up gramophone.
2. Clothing and Uniform:
 - Trying on clothing and uniforms worn by courageous individuals involved in Civil Defence, Women's Voluntary Service, Women's Land Army, Timber Corps, Air Raid Precautions (ARP), and the Home Guard.
3. Air Raids and the ARP Warden:
 - Discovering the work of an Exeter Air Raid Warden through their uniform and equipment.
 - Listening to first-hand accounts of individuals who experienced the Blitz.
 - Experiencing a simulated air raid through headphones while sitting in an authentic Anderson Shelter.
4. Rationing, Food, and Dig for Victory:
 - Handling and discussing genuine artefacts related to food rationing during the war.
 - Exploring how individuals coped with limited resources and contributed to the "Grow Your Own and Dig for Victory" campaign.
 - Designing their own Dig for Victory garden using provided templates.

We believe that this trip will significantly enhance the children's understanding of World War II and provide them with a unique, hands-on learning experience. It is an opportunity for them to engage with historical artefacts and consider the impact of the war on individuals and communities.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Greygoose and Mr Elliott