

St John's Mead CEVC Primary School
Spring Term 2014



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. Thank you all for the lovely gifts.

Our topic this term is 'Our Finest Hour'. We will be covering the following themes:

- Why did WW2 happen?
- What was the impact of the war across the World?
- How did people in Britain cope with the bombing?
- What was it like for those in the services?
- What did it feel like to be an evacuee?
- What was it like at home during WW2?
- What did children eat during WW2?

Please feel free to share this topic with your child at home. The children are welcome to bring in any additional information/artefacts/pictures to share with their class. If any grandparents or friends of family have experience of WW2 we would welcome their support. At the end of the unit you will be invited to join us for our VE day party! We have also planned a trip to Swindon Steam Museum, further details to follow.

In Literacy we will be writing information texts linked to WW2 and writing an historical story. This term we are focussing on sentence structure, paragraphing and handwriting. In Maths this term we are having a big push on recalling multiplication and division facts and written calculation methods. We have noticed that some children have difficulty telling the time and would benefit from your support at home. In Science we will be investigating light, shadow and electricity. Our D&T unit will be on designing and making packaging for our WW2 recipes. In RE we will be studying 'Words of Wisdom' which will include discussing different religious texts. In PSHE we are studying the unit 'Good to be me.'

PE is on Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit, including something suitable for colder weather, daps or trainers, earrings are removed and long hair is tied back.

Our library day is Monday. Please ensure your child has their books on that day so that they can be changed. Maths games are handed out on alternate Friday and must be returned the following week in order for new games to go out. Please ensure the games are returned on time so we have enough games to give out the following week.

This term homework will include reading, practising spelling patterns (see additional letter), maths games, number clubs and topic homework. Your child will bring home a folder that includes the tasks for this term. Their work can be word processed or hand written and should be handed in by the Thursday of each week. Please encourage children to present their work neatly, as it may be used for display or put in their topic books.

If any parents would like to help with the class, including hearing readers, please let us know.

If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Wilson & Miss S Winter