



Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to school. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. It is hard to believe that there are only 2 terms left. Where does the time go?

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. Cherry Hubbard from Yate Heritage Centre will be visiting us and leading a work shop for the children based on WW2. At the end of the unit you will be invited to join us for our WW2 presentation and the children will then have a VE day party to celebrate the end of our topic. We have also planned a trip to Swindon Steam Museum on Wednesday 4th May – there will be more information regarding this in a separate trip letter. The children will have the opportunity to dress as evacuees for both of these events so this is an advanced notice so you can start planning their outfits now! Towards the end of the Summer term we will begin a new mini topic, 'Going for Gold' which will be based on the Olympics and the European Football Championships.

In English we will be writing a historical story based on the book 'FAR THER' by Grahame Baker-Smith and writing information texts linked to WW2. Later this term we will be covering newspaper articles and biographies. This term we are focussing on sentence structure, paragraphing and handwriting. In Maths we will be continuing to work on recall of multiplication and division facts. The target at the end of year 3, is for all children know the facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables (50 Division Club) and at the end of year 4 all facts up to 12x12 (60 Tables Club). Please encourage your child to correct and complete the number club sheets stuck in their homework books. We have noticed that some children are still having difficulty telling the time and would benefit from your support at home, they need to be able to tell the time to the nearest minute and understand a 24 hour clock, in both analogue and digital. 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, and creating air raid shelters and torches. In RE we will be studying 'Showing Commitment' which will include discussing what commitments and values are important to us and how people show commitment to their faith. In PSHE we are studying the unit Relationships.

PE is on Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times. Earrings need to be removed (or covered with tape if new piercings) and long hair should be tied back.

Our library day is Monday. Please remind your child to bring their library book in on that day so that they can be changed. It would be helpful if your child could make sure they bring their reading book and reading record to school every day.

This term, homework will include reading, practising spelling patterns, number clubs and topic homework. Your child will bring home their red homework book which includes the tasks for the term. A huge thank you to all the children who have embraced the new red homework book, I have noticed the progress in your spelling and number clubs. Well done!

Here's to another busy and fun filled term! If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Yours sincerely

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