

Autumn Newsletter

Year 5



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and the new term. We hope you have had a lovely summer. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about a few things and to tell you about what has been planned for your child for the remainder of the school year.

Our main topic this term is World War II. Our studies will centre around the book "Carrie's War" by Nina Bawden. We will be working in a cross-curricular style, linking subjects together as much as possible. During our topic, we will learn about: how and why the war started; who led Britain through the war; countries who were our allies and those who worked against us; what evacuation was and why it was important for the children of Britain; key events that took place; cities in Britain that were bombed; The Blitz; Anderson shelters; propaganda; food rationing plus Bletchley Park and code breaking! Also, we will become an evacuee for the day when we visit Woodcocks' Well in Mowcop! (Details to follow.)

Throughout the term we will be concentrating on improving our standards of presentation, spelling and the use of language. The children will also be encouraged to read a wide range of texts to continue improving their fluency, understanding and deduction skills. We would be grateful if you would continue reading with your child for enjoyment and to ensure they are reading with understanding and fluency.

In maths, times tables are vitally important if the children are going to make good progress. Using the internet games or board games can help reinforce them in a fun and enjoyable way. Hopefully, your child is now familiar with Times Table Rockstars and will have their own username and password for the site.

Labelled PE kits should be in school every day, please. Our regular PE days will be Monday and Friday. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that during the colder months, pupils can bring in tracksuits for

outdoor PE. Furthermore, in light rain, PE sessions may continue outdoors so a light raincoat would be beneficial. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or covered. We would be grateful if you could supply your child with micro-pore or similar if they need to cover earrings.

We prepare for early morning activities for the class from 8:50 am and would encourage your child to access these by coming in as soon as they can from this time. Registers are taken at 9:00am.

We encourage children to bring in labelled water bottles to access during the day (no glass or screw lid bottles please). Water fountains are available for children to refill during their playtimes and lunchtimes should they need to.

Maths homework will usually be set on MyMaths on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Guided reading homework which will be given on the day of reading and will be expected to be returned the following week on that day. Spellings will be given at least a week in advance on the day of the guided reading session.

- Spellings - these need practising and learning thoroughly.
- Guided reading - one piece each week.
- Maths - one piece each week - either on MyMaths, mental maths revision or a written exercise
- Occasionally there may be some theme based homework. This will mainly be research.

Finally, should you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

We look forward to a fabulous year working with you and your child.

Yours faithfully

Miss McArdle and Mrs Ling

