

# Welcome to Year 5



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you have had a lovely summer. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about a few things and to introduce you to some details concerning the forthcoming year for your child in Year 5.

## Topic

Our first topic for Year 5 is World War II. We will be doing lots of research to find out more about how it began, the countries involved as well as how the war affected people living in Britain and how they protected themselves.



Our focus text is 'Carrie's War' written by Nina Bawden. We will use this text to follow Carrie and Nick as they are evacuated to Wales. From this we will explore what it might have been like to be an evacuee by writing in role. Experiencing life as an evacuee during our field trip to Congleton Museum (date to be confirmed shortly) will enable us to understand what it was like.



## Practical information

The children should arrive at school by 9 am, but are encouraged to come in at 8:50 am in order to start their day well with early morning activities. The register will be taken at 9 am.

## PE

PE lessons are on Thursdays and Fridays. However, please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. Kit should be taken home over the weekend to be washed. Tracksuits may be sent in when the weather is cold. Children should not wear any jewellery during these lessons and all earrings must either be taken out or covered with micropore tape provided by you.



## Homework

My Maths homework will be set online every Friday to be completed by the following Friday. This will usually be related to the learning that has taken place during the week. Other homework will usually be given out on Fridays (except for guided reading homework which will be given on the day of reading) and any written work must be returned by the following Wednesday. Homework may include spelling activities, practising times tables or topic work such as researching a subject. Although children in Year 5 are encouraged to read independently, I would urge you to continue listening to your child read whenever possible as fluency is an essential part of reading and helps comprehension.



Homework books and a planners will be given to your child. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate in contacting me or you could leave a note in your child's planner. I will check each child's planner at least once a week on their guided reading day.

You are warmly invited to a short meeting for Year 5 parents on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm**. I will be giving a presentation expanding on the contents of this letter, outlining what to expect this year; routines in Year 5 and ways you can support your child's learning at home. The meeting will be held in the Year 5 classroom.

I look forward to a fabulous year working with you and your child and hope to see you next Wednesday.

Yours faithfully

Miss C Robinson