

# Autumn Newsletter

## Year 5



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to school and the new term. I hope you have had a lovely summer. I 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.

### **Topics and Themes**

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 literacy, history geography, art, design and technology and computing.

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. I 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.

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### **Practical Information**

Labelled PE kits should be in school every day, please. Our regular PE days will be Thursday and Friday. I would take this opportunity to remind you that, during the colder months, pupils can bring in tracksuits for outdoor PE. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or covered. I 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 8:50am 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). Children are expected to refill these during their playtimes and lunchtimes should they need to.

Homework will be sent home weekly on Fridays (except for guided reading homework which will be given on the day of reading) and will be expected to be returned the following Wednesday.

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

You are warmly invited to a short meeting for Year 5 parents on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 5 pm**. I will be giving a short 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 last approximately 30 minutes and will be held in the Year 5 classroom.

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

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

Yours sinerely

Miss McArdle