



CLASS 5



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the Summer Term, after what we hope was an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break. This Newsletter will provide information about what is happening in our class during this, the Summer term. After the excitement of the SATs has passed, our theme is '**WORLD WAR II**' and we will make exciting and relevant cross-curricular links with all subject areas. We will be immersing ourselves in many extraordinary, fascinating and sometimes shocking elements of the conflict, including: the causes and main events of the war, the Blitz, evacuees, rationing, propaganda, life in the trenches and much more. Using this research, we will write letters, stories and poems.

The children will continue to be taught as a whole class or in small groups with activities and tasks differentiated to meet their needs. As always, they will be encouraged to continue to work independently, leading their own research and learning.

Our Science topic this term is Forces. We will be finding out about gravity, friction, air resistance (which we will link in to our WWII theme), water resistance, levers and pulleys and gears

Art will link to our theme by creating artistic images digitally; and with DT we will harness our 'make do and mend' mentality through textiles.

Music this term will be fun and interactive with the children using a variety of percussion instruments. MASC (Music Academy for Schools & Communities) will be joining our class on a fortnightly basis.



Reading is still extremely important in Years 5 and 6, and you play a vital role in this, so please encourage your child to read a wide variety of texts and question their understanding of it. Even the most able readers benefit from reading out loud, so try and make it a regular part of your routine. We have a wide range of novels set in WWII in class which the children are very welcome to take away in order to enhance their experience.

Quick recall of times tables are vital, so please continue to practise these with your child. Expectations are that all pupils should know all their times tables (up to 12 x 12) by the end of Year 4. Get on Times Tables Rock Star!

In class, I will continue to be ably supported by Mrs Carrick. My PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time is on a Wednesday afternoon when the children will be taught RE by Mrs Addison and French by Mr Cutts. We are timetabled to have PE with sports specialist Coach Jeffrey on a Friday afternoon. All children need a plain white Tshirt, black shorts and trainers for P.E.



Also, please remember to send your child with a water bottle which can be refilled from the water cooler during the school day. Hydration is vital to keep healthy and maintain concentration, especially during the summer months.

A Homework Grid will be sent home with a variety of weekly tasks on for your child to select from and complete. Please assist in helping your child meet these deadlines as it helps stand them in good stead for secondary school.



We are looking forward to an exciting, fun and challenging term. Please remember you are always welcome to come in and talk to us if you have any concerns, queries or just want to have a chat.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Carrick