



Dear Children, Parents and Carers of Year 5,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!



Our main topic this term will be 'The World at War'. We will be learning about World War Two, paying close attention to 'The Home Front', evacuees and the effect of 'The Blitz' on London and our immediate area. We will be sending home a new 'take away' homework sheet soon. Should you require any additional copies of the homework sheet, these are on 'Home Learning' or you can ask for another printed copy. Linking to this topic, in our **English** lessons, we plan to study 'The Piano' (a visual text), 'Goodnight Mr Tom', then 'Rose Blanche'. All of these are set in, and reflect on, WWII. Spelling, punctuation, grammar, handwriting and comprehension will continue to take place on a regular basis.

We will continue to develop and improve our skills in **Maths**; we follow the 'White Rose' scheme and will be covering the following areas:

Decimals: adding and subtracting decimals, including those with different numbers of decimal places. Multiplying / dividing decimals by 10, 100, 1000

Properties of Shape: angles (both measuring and calculating), use of a protractor, properties of triangles and quadrilaterals, properties of 3D shapes.

Position and Direction: describe position, position in the first quadrant, translation (inc. with coordinates), lines of symmetry, reflection, reflection with coordinates.

Converting Units: Kilometres, Kilograms and kilometres; Millimetres and millilitres; Metric units; Imperial units; Converting units of time; Timetables

Volume: What is volume?; Compare volume; Estimate volume; Estimate capacity

Other Areas of the Curriculum:

Computing – Stop frame animation / Blogging

Art – Henry Moore (looking particularly at sketches of people sheltering during the war) and War art, (e.g. art based on 'The Blitz')

Science – Finishing our 'Forces' unit then 'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Growing Pains' (Animals Including Humans)

PE – OAA (Outdoor and Adventurous Activities) and Tag Rugby, followed by Cricket and Tennis. Both classes have PE on Thursday and Friday



French – We follow the French scheme 'Rigolo' and we are on Unit 2 This covers such areas as 'Asking the way and giving directions', 'Giving the time' and 'Places in the Town'

RE – Judaism, including main beliefs and special texts

DT – Anderson Shelters, spitfires, model tanks and moving toys

Music – Composition and learning some songs from the 1940s

PSHE – 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'

General Reminders:

Reading: We continue to expect that the children will complete at least 10 minutes of reading at home **each day** as it is a very important skill to develop and practise.

Homework: This will be in the format of 'take away' homework again this term, and will be linked to our World War II topic.

The children have spellings to learn on a week-by-week basis. This is on a printed sheet on 'Home Learning' and your child has a copy.



We are also asking children to continue revising their tables using Times Tables Rockstars.

We have a school trip booked for Wednesday 25th May to Kent Life. A letter will go out nearer the time.

Should you have any queries or concerns please let us know.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Chance and Mr. Chambers ☺