



Year 5/6
Autumn 2

Topic: World War Two

We hope you had a lovely break and are ready for another busy half term in Year 5/6. As you will know, this year we are moving our Key Stage 2 play to the summer term to allow us to maximise learning time in the autumn term and allow us to really celebrate our Year 6s in the summer term once their SATs are completed. This term we will be holding a music and carols evening as an alternative where our school musicians will have the opportunity to share festive pieces with us and we can enjoy carol singing and mince pies - please join us on Tuesday 12th December at 6pm!

Our topic for this half term is "World War Two". This is a history-based topic where we will be learning about the start of World War Two and how Britain stood firm including learning about evacuation. In DT we will design and make structures and in Art we will study the work of Henry Moore including charcoal sketches from WW2 and sculpture. In Science, we will be learning more about Forces focusing on air and water resistance, and mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears, then moving on to start a new topic on materials and their properties. In RE, we will be exploring Christian beliefs about Christmas and how Christians believe Jesus is the Messiah and how they follow Jesus. We will be looking at E-Safety in our computing sessions. In PE, we will be working on orienteering outdoors this half term and we will be looking at Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing in PSHE.

In Maths, we will be consolidating our calculation skills using all four operations. Alongside this, we will be practising basic skills including addition facts and times tables to make sure our recall of number facts and mental calculation skills support our learning; practising these at home and regularly using TTRockstars would be really helpful. In English, we will be developing our sentence level skills and writing a range of texts inspired by our topic work as well as our reading texts.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.
Miss Patrick and the Year 5/6 team

Reading and Spellings

This year, spellings will be sent out on a **Friday**, to be tested in school the following **Friday**. Children will be able to access their spellings on the online platform 'Spelling Shed'. Please get in touch if you need help accessing this.

Reading books will be sent home weekly - please encourage your child to read regularly at home, independently and with adults. Please remind children to take care of their reading records and return these weekly for us to check, update and change books. Thanks for your support in reading regularly at home to develop reading fluency and understanding as well as a love of reading.

Autumn 2 Class Texts

We will be exploring the following texts this half term:

Rose Blanche
Once
When the Sky Falls



This half term we will have PE on **Fridays**. Children should come to school in their PE kits for the full day. Please ensure your child has the school PE kit of **plain** black shorts/joggers, a **plain** white top and black sand shoes/trainers. A plain black hoodie can be worn for outdoor PE. **This half term will be orienteering outdoors - please ensure children have waterproof coats and appropriate footwear.**

Children will be taking part in a Forest Schools session next half term.