

This term we are excited to be learning about a brand new Year 5 topic! We will be exploring the events of WWII, with a particular focus on the Battle of Britain. We do not want to give too much away now, but we are really looking forward to teaching this topic.

Our topic will inspire our **English** writing throughout the term. We will be writing from different perspectives and for different purposes. There will also be an element of experiential learning to engage the children with their writing.

In **Maths**, we will be exploring the written methods for both multiplication and division. It is imperative that the children know their multiplication and division facts (up to and including 12X12), as this will enable them to gain a deeper understanding of these methods.

Guided reading will see us explore a variety of media and text types, from lesser-known wartime heroes, to motivational song lyrics and speeches. **Science** will continue to apply topic-based knowledge as we explore materials and their properties.

WWII

Date: Flu immunisations – 27 November.

P.E. kits – Children need to ensure they are wearing their P.E kits to school on a Wednesday. We are likely to be outside for P.E, so wrap up warm.

Please ensure that your child is coming to school with a waterproof coat every day!

Home learning:

There will be some home learning for children to complete weekly. Each week will consist of times tables, spelling practice and daily reading. Occasionally, there will be some flipped learning that will enable your child to develop their initial ideas, or dive deeper into a concept.

Your child is expected to practise their times tables for at least 25 minutes every week, (using TT Rock stars) as a solid understanding of their times tables can really strengthen your child's ability in Maths. If there is an issue using TT rock stars, please let your child's teacher know, before the Wednesday it is due to be completed, of your alternative method of practise.

Reading at home - both aloud and to themselves- is an excellent way of increasing vocabulary and comprehension. Please encourage your child to have a book that interests/inspires them at home – if they want to bring this book to school for consistency and fluency, this is encouraged. If your child is struggling to find a book they enjoy, we are more than happy to give recommendations and advice! During half term, we have bought some new shiny books for our Year 5 classrooms, so keep an eye out for those.

Spellings will be given out each Wednesday, to be tested the following Wednesday. The children will have been given a range of strategies they can use to practice their spellings.

Healthy snack: Just a reminder that it is **school policy** for children to have a healthy snack at break time. For example: fruit, vegetables, healthy cereal bars, crackers, cheese etc. Please discourage the children from eating crisps/chocolate bars at break time