



Aim High, Fly High

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas break and your child is raring to go in this short and important term. Firstly, we would like to thank you for the kind gifts we received. It was very kind and much appreciated.

Our topic this term is 'The World Wars,' Your child will learn about the First and Second World Wars including: how they started, which countries were involved and the impact on the community. We will also consider how the changes during the war have impacted on our life today. In DT we will be looking at Mechanical Systems to design our own pop-up books. We will begin this unit by evaluating pop-up books. If you have any examples of pop-up books at home, please can children bring these in to share. We would also appreciate children bringing their own glue stick as we are running low. During the term, as a school we will be having a History week in January, focusing on how our school has changed over time; a wellbeing day with a yoga teacher visiting and winter sports day.

More information on our topic can be found on the Year 5 Topic Overview. We will be studying 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo in our English lessons this half-term. If your child does have a copy of the book they may bring it in so that they can read along during the lessons.

This term's PE lessons will be on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit (school logo or plain white t-shirt, joggers or shorts, trainers and normal school jumper). Children are welcome to bring in a fruit or vegetable snack to eat during morning playtime. We encourage children to bring a named bottle of water to drink during the day. Children are permitted to have a small, pencil case this year and are encouraged to bring a small set of felt tips and colouring pencils into school.

Home learning will be given out at the beginning of each half term in the same way as last term. Each chosen piece from the **optional** home learning grid must be completed in their home learning book and handed in on Wednesdays.

In addition, children will be given **compulsory** weekly spellings, which will be tested every Thursday, and times tables to learn, which will be tested every Monday. To support your child in learning these essential facts and spellings, they have access to Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed, both of which they should play as often as possible. Your child should continue to read regularly at home. Children will also be given **compulsory** Guided Reading home learning each week and this must be returned on Mondays.

We will be sending a P.E. bag home. Each week a child from the class will have a chance to take a bag with P.E. equipment home. There will also be a book inside with a checklist of items, suggestions for games to play at home and some space for pictures to be stuck in. Please feel free to add games you have played so others can enjoy your creative time as well. We hope you do not feel pressure with this bag. Do as much or as little as you wish. There is also a space for suggestions. We will be

happy to hear feedback. If you could return the bag on a Monday then we can ensure it is passed onto the next person. If any equipment is lost or breaks then please inform us so we are aware.

You can keep up-to-date with important events and updates via the school website and the Airwaves newsletter. If you have any queries, please contact the office who will pass on the message to us. We will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible.

Best wishes,
Miss Sarah Medley and Mrs Laura Johnston