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World War Two Autumn Term 2023 – Years 5 and 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you had a good summer break. It has been great to welcome the children back to school. They have returned with news of the fantastic adventures they have had during the holidays and the different places that they have visited.



Our topic this term explores what happened during World War Two. To help immerse the children in the topic we will be organising a fantastic **WW2 Wow Day on Monday 25th September**, where they will experience life of a WW2 Soldier and the role of Women in the War. It would be fantastic if the children could come to school dressed in a WW2 style costume. Simple evacuee costume ideas are:

- **Girls – a knee-length dress/pinafore, cardigan, knee length socks and shoes**
- **Boys – a shirt, v-neck jumper/tank top, shorts, boots/shoes.**

The children could also make their own gas mask box. This should be a box no bigger than a shoe box covered in brown paper or painted. String is then attached to the box so that an evacuee can wear it around their necks at all times. They could also bring in a small teddy and a small (empty) suitcase.



We have arranged for lots of other exciting activities to support the work that the children will be engaged in, further details will follow.

If you have any topic-related resources which might interest the children, we would be grateful if you could let the children bring them into school to show. We would, of course, take the utmost care of them! Also if you, or a family member, have any specialist knowledge in the areas covered in our topic, and would be willing to support in school, please come and see us. The attached topic plan explores what we will be covering in a little more detail.



Staffing

We are delighted that Mr Long will be joining our team this year; he will be teaching in Brazil Class.



PE

It is very important that the children have their PE kit in school so that they can fully participate in these lessons. **Please ensure that your child's kit is named.** Earrings should be removed for PE and Games. If ears are newly pierced, earrings should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. All children should wear suitable footwear for sporting activities particularly outside. All children will be expected to participate in sessions unless a note has been provided by a parent or carer explaining their exclusion.

Our cloakrooms can become very crowded with coats, PE bags and rucksacks. Inevitably, items belonging to children move from their pegs. Please make sure that all of your child's possessions are **clearly labelled** as it is much easier to resolve disagreements over which items belong to which child.



We do not encourage children to share PE kits for hygiene reasons.

PE days

The children will continue to benefit from the wide range of sports opportunities provided to them this term.

BRAZIL CLASS (Mr Long) – Thursday and swimming on Friday

MOROCCO CLASS (Mr Moule) – Wednesday and Friday

USA CLASS (Mr Jones) – Thursday and swimming on Friday



Swimming

Children in Mr Jones' and Mr Long's classes will start their swimming lessons this term. Lessons take place on Fridays and will start on Friday 15th September until Friday 24th November. Morocco class will start swimming on Friday 1st December. A letter will be sent home with full details and requesting a monetary contribution towards the ten sessions. Payment can be made via your child's sQuid account. Please ensure that your child remembers their swimming kit for each session!

Class Assemblies

Each class will perform **only one** Class Assembly this academic year. If you would like to see your child taking part in their class assembly, the dates for assemblies this term are as follows:

MOROCCO CLASS (Mr Moule) – Monday 20th November (2:45-3:10pm)

USA and Brazil Class Assemblies will be performed in the Spring and Summer terms.

Healthy Lunchboxes and Snacks

As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy lifestyles, we would like to remind you that your child should be provided with a balanced packed lunch.

If your child would like a snack at breaktime, please can you ensure that they bring a **piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks.**

Please **do not** send your child to school with **nuts, sesame seeds, peanut butter or products containing nuts** as we do have children in the school who are severely allergic to such items.



Water Bottles

Your child should bring a **water** bottle for drinking water in class – these should not be used for drinking squash or fruit juice. We would ask that your child fills their bottle up at home in the morning and your child should bring their bottle home at the end of each school day.

Homework

We will be sending home our **'World War Two'** homework grid this week. This system is intended to give the children more independence and choice as to what they would like to do to extend their own learning. Your child will select a task to complete every two weeks, over the term. Each piece of homework should reflect **about an hour** of work at their level.

Pupils will also receive a mathematics task from their teacher each week and a grammar activity. Each piece of homework should take **up to** 45 minutes.

Your child will bring home their spelling lists for the term. They will carry out a spelling activity in class during the week and then be tested on their words.

All homework resources and spelling lists are accessible via your child's Google Classroom account.

The handing in dates for homework are as follows:

- Grammar homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday.
- Maths homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday, as well as practising their times tables.
- Topic homework grids are sent home at the beginning of term and are due at two weekly intervals throughout the term.
- In addition to this homework, children will be expected to read on a regular basis



There is also an expectation that all children will regularly read at home, either to an adult or independently.

Items Needed

We always appreciate parental help in school. If you can spare any time to help hear children read, help with art/DT projects etc, please speak to the school office.

This term our DT project will be 'make do and mend' themed and children will design and make a toy for a WW2 evacuee. If you have any material, buttons, ribbon etc. that we could 'upcycle' these items would be greatly received.

We also require any PE kit that your child may have grown out of that can be used as a spare for if pupils forget theirs.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jones, Mr Long and Mr Moule

