

AUTUMN TERM

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to an exciting and activity-filled year!

We start the year off with our first theme "An unexpected Journey". The children will be learning about the causes of WW2, the implications for different countries and will have the chance to explore historical artefacts.

English

The children will be writing a variety of genres focusing on our theme of WW2. This exciting topic lends itself wonderfully to fiction and non-fiction writing, including: diary entries, explanation texts and persuasive arguments. Within our guided reading sessions, we will be reading 'Carrie's War' by Nina Bawden. Each child will have their own copy to read from within school.

Maths

We start the year by revising our understanding and

Science

Our first line of scientific enquiry focuses on electricity. The children will have opportunities to build their own circuits, explore the variables within their circuits and design their own experiment. We will then be looking at the classification of animals and plants. This unit of work involves a very interesting experiment with sweets!

Computing

During our computing lessons, the children will be learning how to design and create a working spreadsheet. The children will plan and create a budget spreadsheet for a party!

Physical Education

This term our sport days will be on **Monday** and **Friday**. The children will have swimming on a Monday and Rugby on a Friday (they will therefore need to come to school wearing PE kit on Friday). When swimming finishes our second PE session will be on a **Tuesday**.



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Art, Design and Technology

This term the children will be researching, evaluating and designing their own memorial statue. They will then plan and construct their statue out of clay.

Homework Diary

It is important that your child has their homework diary with them at school every day. Children will record their homework in their diary, write their 99 Club score and record when and what they have been reading. Your child's homework diary also plays a vital role in communication between teacher and parents. I may send you information via a note in the homework diary so please do check it regularly.

Homework

Children should be practising spellings, times tables and reading every night. A strong knowledge of the times tables will support your child in their mathematics work in class. In addition they will be given a weekly piece of homework and termly theme homework. Our theme homework sharing will be held on **Thursday 13th December**.

The weekly homework and spellings will be set on a **Monday**, due the following Monday. The homework will be based on our learning in the classroom for that week.

The children will be tested on 99 club on a **Friday**. They will be writing their scores in their homework diaries.

We have a helper's signup sheet outside the classroom. If you can spare anytime to come in to help, please sign up. Please ensure that you have DBS clearance (if not please see Rosanna). If you

Important Dates

Monday 10th September 2018– First swimming session.

Friday 14th September 2018– Sit in your child's seat (14:45).

Wednesday 26th September 2018– Harvest Festival .

Thursday 4th October 2018– Buddy Service (9am).

Monday 8th October 2018– Last swimming session.

Wednesday 10th October 2018– REME Museum Trip.

Thursday 13th December 2018– Theme Homework Sharing.