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Autumn term – Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a lovely summer break. Our topic for the first half term is World War 2. If you are an expert in this field, please get in touch; it would be great to use some of the knowledge residing in the parent body to enrich the children's learning. Previously, we have had parents delivering workshops, assemblies and presentations, so please get in touch if this is something you would like to do. After half term, we will move to a new geography topic: where does our energy come from? Our learning objectives for all subjects can be found in our curriculum overviews on the website if you would like more detail.

Routines and staffing

Children need to be in the playground, ready to come into class, by 8.45am, and will finish their day at 3.15pm. If you need to speak to us briefly, teachers will be available on the playground from 8.35am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please contact the office if you need a longer meeting with us. In year 5, we aim for the children to be independent so, whenever possible, please encourage your child to come and talk to us themselves if they have any queries or worries.

The children will be taught by Premier Sports (PE) and Mrs Onatskaia (music) on Thursday afternoons.

In class, the children will be supported by:

Mornings: Mrs Onatskaia
Monday afternoons: Mrs Burke
French on Tuesday afternoons: Mrs Noble
Thursday afternoons: Mrs Cummins
Friday afternoons: Mrs Wood

The children will have two PE lessons a week – Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Your child is expected to wear appropriate active wear at all times, and to take part in every lesson: if he or she is unable to do this for any reason, please speak to us before school or

write a short note to inform us of any issues. Children with long hair must also bring in something to tie it back with and no jewellery is allowed.

Dates for your diaries:

All classes will be having a short information meeting, for those wishing to attend, on Friday 6th September at 9:00am.

You will have the opportunity to share your child's learning after school on Monday 14 October between 3.15- 4.15pm.

Parent consultations this term will be during the week beginning 21st October.

Year 5 and 6 have a visit planned to Bletchley Park, to fit in with our topic of World War 2. This will be on Thursday the 3rd of October. We will send out more details soon.

Home learning

Home learning should follow the themes and guidance outlined in the policy (see the school website). We will be sending home a weekly task (alternating between SPaG and maths), which will be given out on Monday, and will need to be handed in by Friday. This will start on Monday 7th September. It is highly recommended that you listen to your child read every day for about 15 minutes and then to discuss what they have read with them.

I am very much looking forward to the start of an exciting new school year.

Kind regards,

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