

AUTUMN TERM For Years 5 and 6

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome Back! We hope you have enjoyed the Summer and had lots of fun. It is clear from the posters and presentations how busy you have been and that you have had some amazing adventures!

Our main topic this term is **High Fliers**, relating to The Blitz in World War Two, whilst encouraging the children to aim high too. This topic will entail lots of historical research through different means, including a visit to Bletchley Park and lots of interesting literature and art to share. If your family has any personal knowledge or experiences about World War II that you would be willing to share with us, we would love to hear about it.

In Science, we will be looking at materials by conducting different experiments to see how they can change. We will be looking at maps and atlases in geography to help follow the events of the war and identify different European countries. In art, we will be studying the work of John Piper and using our sketchbook to explore and experiment with landscapes. The Year 5 children will start their Oxford Playhouse project and our Year 6 children have IMPS, Bikeability and their residential to look forward to in this term.

The school is now using Class Dojo as a communication tool for parents. Please make sure that you have signed up to this. The children can also earn Dojo points and work towards certificates and awards. If you are having any difficulties accessing this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Children will continue to come to school on their PE days in their PE kit. PE kit consists of white top, navy shorts, and trainers, plus tracksuit bottoms. For this term PE days are as follows -

Skylarks - Swimming in Term 1 on Fridays plus Tuesday for PE (Term 2 and beyond PE will be Tuesday and Friday)

Eagles – Wednesday and Friday (swimming in Term 2)

Falcons – Wednesday and Friday (swimming in Term 3)

There may also be other days where children require their PE kit. We will let you know about this via Class Dojo.

We expect the children to **read at least 3 times a week** at home and fill in their reading records about their books, including their thoughts about and reactions to what has been read. Reading records will be checked by each class teacher each week to make sure this is happening.

Spellings will be given out at the start of the week and tested on Fridays, and we expect them to be practised at home as well as throughout the week at school. **Homework** will be given out on Tuesdays each week and the children have a homework book to use. Homework is due in the following Monday/Tuesday.

Year 5/6 is about becoming more independent and being responsible. The children are aware of our expectations: being good role models around the school, showing acceptance and respect for everyone, and knowing how to help themselves to be better learners. We hope you notice a difference in your child this term, and although we do not want them to grow up too quickly, we do want them to feel ready and confident for new and exciting challenges ahead. They have already made a great start!

We look forward to speaking to you all at the first Parents Evenings, but feel free to come and speak to us to discuss any concerns before then if necessary.

UKS2 Team
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