

Year 5 Newsletter- Term 4: March 2014

Dear Parents / Guardians,



First of all, a massive well done for the amount of effort that was put into the half term homework of building an Anderson Shelter. It was lovely to see so many parents on Friday afternoon admiring Year 5's hard work and creativity.



We have taken photographs and hope to put many of them onto the school website.

Literacy

This term we are continuing our book theme of "Goodnight Mister Tom," which is linked to our World War 2 topic. We are currently writing newspaper reports and are working towards producing a news report in the style of pathe news.

Maths

This term on a Friday we will be focussing our problem solving skills on "Finding rules and describing patterns." This will allow us to extend our work on sequences and work towards using formulae to describe patterns - a first step towards algebra.

We continue to do pre and post assessments in maths to ensure children have a secure foundation in maths concepts and give them a better understanding of expectations and challenge.

Science/Technology

This term we are focussing on Healthy Eating and linking this to rationing. At the end of term we will be having a 'Street Party' to celebrate the end of our war time topic and the children will be catering!

Humanities

The children have already learnt a great deal about World War 2, including the causes of the war and what it was like for families at home including evacuation, the Blitz and rationing. This term we will be focussing on key events such as D-day landings as well as learning songs.

PE

Our PE days are now Mondays and Wednesdays. This term we will be going outside to learn how to play tag rugby and hockey. Children will need to have appropriate kit to go outside in which **MUST** include a change of shoes. Children should ensure that they bring their full PE kits, including a change of top, shorts/jogging bottoms and shoes. We ask that if your child's hair is able to cover their eyes that they also bring in a hair bobble to ensure that they are able to take part in the activities safely. It is essential that the children have their PE kit in school every week.

Trips

We had hoped to visit the Imperial War Museum but unfortunately it is currently closed for refurbishment. Instead we will be visiting The Herbert Art Gallery and Museum in Coventry. The trip will start with a hands on session led by museum staff. This session enables pupils to discover the impact of the war on daily life using original costume and a wide range of stimulating

Second World War objects. It explores the experiences of people in wartime Coventry including the Blitz, air raid precautions, civil defence and the impact of rationing and evacuation. We will also have the opportunity to visit the remains of Coventry Cathedral. The trip will be on Wednesday 3rd April and we will send out a permission letter at the end of the week.

Key Dates for your Diary

2nd April - Coventry Museum

4th April - War time 'Street Party'. (1-2pm) We are hoping to share war time songs, displays about our learning this term and you can sample some of our cooking.

CHANGE OF DATE - Parents evening will now be on 27th and 28th March. Ms Wall has sent out details in the school newsletter and is organising an online booking system.

As always if you have questions or concerns please pop in and see us!

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