

Dear Year 5/6 Parents and Carers,

Firstly welcome to another exciting new school year! We would like to take this opportunity to give you some details regarding your child's learning and class organisational details this year.



Our topic this term is World War II. We will be looking at a host of themes related to the war, including some of the following: the road to war, key characters, key battles, living through the war, designing and making war aeroplanes. Literacy will, as much as possible, have links to our topic, such as exploring the text, *Fireweed*, by Lucy Mangan and *My secret war diary*, by Marcia William.

Children will continue to have regular grammar work interwoven into English lessons in accordance with the national curriculum objectives. School reading books are not sent home in KS2. However, the children are encouraged to choose an appropriate book themselves and it would be extremely helpful if you support your child by choosing a book with them and regularly reading and discussing what they have read, at home.

Children should not bring pencil cases from home; all they will need in class we will provide.

PE lessons will be on the following days:

Mr Pawlett's - Ravens: Monday and Tuesday

Mr O'Neill's - Owls: Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs Higgins' – Swallows: Tuesday and Wednesday

As a reminder, please make sure your child comes to school in their P.E kit on their given P.E day. It is also important to have a named coat in school every day because the children will go outside for play time and some learning activities unless weather conditions prevent this. Coats need a hook for hanging on pegs due to a shortage of space.

There will be weekly homework tasks which will include; daily reading for 20 minutes, learning of spelling words, rehearsal multiplication facts, French spellings, and an optional maths task. Homework can be found/downloaded from Purplemash and is 'given' on a Friday. Spelling and times table tests will take place the following Thursday or Friday. There will also be optional termly project tasks, which your child will benefit from completing. The homework will be clearly explained to your child by their teacher, so you may wish to discuss this with your child to develop their organisational and independence skills.

Thank you for all your support. Please get in touch if you have any problems or queries.

Yours sincerely

Mr Pawlett, Mrs Higgins, Mr O'Neill, Mrs Durant, Mrs Gladwell, Mrs Leonard, Mrs Hattingh, Mrs Burling, Mrs Maloney and Mrs Moroz