



## Autumn 1

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September - 4pm Meet the Teacher via Zoom. The meeting ID and password will be sent out soon.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Secondary Schools Application Deadline

### NEW TOPIC: 'WORLD WAR II'

We will explore a variety of historical sources to understand what caused WWII and what life must have been like for Londoners.

If you have any relevant artefacts that could be photographed for our classroom displays, please email them to your child's class teacher. We would also love to hear from anyone who lived during the war and would be willing to share their experiences with the children. Your child could interview and record them, so that it can be shared with their year group.

### MATHS

Our main areas of focus this half term are:

- Place value
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

You can find our calculation policy and a copy of the Year 6 curriculum on the school's website.

Please encourage your child to play TTRockstars and Sumdog regularly.

### READING

As part of our World War 2 topic, and to understand life as an evacuee, we will be reading Goodnight Mr Tom for our class text. Please continue to encourage your child to read on a regular basis.

### LITERACY

We will begin the year focusing on diary writing by drawing inspiration from people's experiences of the war in our Local area. We will also be reading extracts from *The Silver Sword*, *Letters from the Lighthouse* and *Once*. All three books are full of twists and turns and we would highly recommend these books being read in full.

### SPELLING

Spelling patterns and common exception words will be practised daily in our Literacy lessons. Children will be regularly tested on new words and previously learnt spellings, to ensure that patterns are fully embedded. Please ensure your child is practising regularly on Spelling Shed.

### SCIENCE

We will begin the school year with our topic Changing Circuits. The children will get the opportunity to further their understanding of electricity through practical experiments involving circuits.

### PE

Please ensure your child comes appropriately dressed for PE on the day of their lesson (6MC on Thursday and 6C on Friday).

In addition to this, we will be running our Mega Mile twice week. For this activity, the children need to be wearing appropriate footwear and comfortable clothes on the day (6MC on Monday and Tuesday, and 6C on Monday and Wednesday).

### MINDFULNESS

This year, we will continue to provide opportunities for mindfulness. Our main purpose for this is to help our children understand what mindful, calm thoughts are and how to access them.

Please follow us on Twitter where you can find out more about what we have been learning.

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