



# Autumn Newsletter

Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and the new term. We hope you are all safe and well and have had a lovely, rested summer and are feeling refreshed! We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about a few things and to tell you about what has been planned for your child this autumn term.

## Autumn Topics

<b>English</b>	Carrie's War	<b>Music</b>	Listen, respond, sing and perform
<b>Maths</b>	Place value, addition and subtraction Multiplication and division, fractions	<b>PE</b>	Dance, Football
<b>Science</b>	Forces, Earth and Space	<b>PSHE</b>	Friendships, Strengths+goals, mental health and well being
<b>History</b>	World War II	<b>Art</b>	Portraits
<b>Geography</b>	Why does population change?	<b>RE</b>	Why do people have to stand up for what they believe? Why doesn't Christianity always look the same?
<b>Computing</b>	Systems and searching, Vector graphics		

Our main topic this term is World War II. Our writing will centre around the book "Carrie's War" by Nina Bawden. We will produce a balanced argument, a diary entry, a postcard and descriptive pieces of writing. In December, we will watch The Snowman and add descriptive text to parts of the film. Throughout the term we will be concentrating on improving our standards of presentation, spelling and how to use a range of punctuation accurately including full-stops, commas, question marks, exclamation marks, brackets and dashes.

In history, will learn about: how and why the war started; what evacuation was and what it was like for the children of Britain; key events that took place such as The Blitz; The Battle of Britain and Dunkirk; why Crewe was bombed so heavily; how people managed to carry on with normal life during the war and VE day.

For our geography topic we will be learning about why population changes. Through this topic we will learn about how the global population is changing, what birth and death rates are, how the climate is impacting population as well as investigating how population is impacting our environment.

In our reading sessions, the children will be encouraged to read a wide range of texts to continue improving their fluency and comprehension. We would be grateful if you would continue reading with your child for enjoyment and to ensure they are reading with understanding and fluency.

In maths, mental recall is vitally important if children are going to make good progress. Using the internet, games or board games can help reinforce the maths needed for Year 5 in a fun and enjoyable way. Hopefully, your child is familiar with Times Table Rockstars and will have their own username and password for the site. Another super website to practise mental maths is 'Hit the Button'. This term, we will be learning to read and write Roman Numerals up to 1000; read, write, partition, compare and order numbers to a million; count in powers of 10; round to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 within 1,000,000; use mental strategies to add and subtract; add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits; round to check answers and compare calculations; find multiples and common multiples, factors and prime numbers; find square and cube numbers; multiply and divide by 10, 100, 1000; find equivalent unit and non-unit fractions; compare and order fractions less than 1; plus add and subtract fractions. These skills will be extended and applied in forms of reasoning and problem solving.

Our regular PE days for the first half term will be **Tuesday** and **Friday**. During the colder months, pupils can bring in tracksuits for outdoor PE. (No football kits please.) Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or covered. We would be grateful if you could supply your child with micro-pore or similar if they need to cover earrings.

Early morning activities for the class commence at 8:50 am. We would encourage your child to access these by coming in as soon as they can from this time. Although this isn't a taught session, it reinforces prior learning and really helps the children to focus and be ready for the day. Registers are taken at 9:00am. Please be aware that even if our gates are still open after 9:00am, you will need to visit the office to register your child as our electronic registers will have already been sent and cannot be changed by the class teacher.

The end of the day is 3:20 pm.

We encourage children to bring in labelled water bottles to access during the day (no glass bottles please). Water fountains are available for children to refill during their playtimes and lunchtimes should they need to.

All homework will be set by Friday to be returned by the following Thursday. They will be:

- Spellings - these need practising and learning thoroughly.
- Reading - one piece each week.
- Maths - at least one piece each week

Finally, should you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting either of us. If you are unable to catch us after school, please send a message through our contact email address ([contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk)) or you can write a note in your child's planner. We look forward to a fabulous year working with you and your child.

Yours faithfully

Miss McArdle and Mrs Steer

