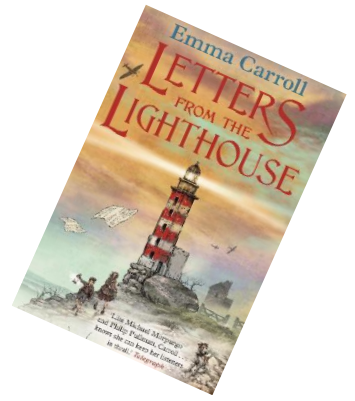




## Gilpin Class Topic Bulletin

### Autumn Term 1st Half



Welcome to the first Gilpin Class Topic news of the year!

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer. We are now back and eager to continue learning, having settled comfortably into our new classroom. Our class is now named Gilpin which links with our local river themed class titles. We have adjusted well and have immediately begun exploring our history topic on World War Two. The key theme for this half term is CHANGE, and the children have already shown a great interest in the subject.

Our quality text linked to our topic is 'Letters from the lighthouse' by Emma Carroll.

### SPARKLING START

To help "hook" the children into the topic, Miss Mousdell challenged them to identify the owner of a mysterious suitcase. The children eagerly examined the items inside the suitcase, gathering evidence and searching for clues about who it belonged to and the time period. They used their inference skills and drew on what they already knew to solve the mystery. To set the scene for our novel, the children have been engaging in role-playing activities about what to do during an air raid, making the learning experience more hands-on and fun. In our history lessons, we're beginning to explore the causes of World War Two and the countries involved, including examining maps and sharing what we know about Europe and the world beyond.

### FABULOUS FINISH

By the end of this term's learning, the children should be able to answer the big question: how did World War Two change the lives of people in Britain? They will also be able to explain in detail terms such as rationing, evacuation, and propaganda. We'll also explore how World War Two changed the lives of women. During our computing sessions, we'll get creative by making videos related to our topic. In art, we'll explore drawing and painting inspired by the war, encouraging us to share our thoughts, feelings, and opinions about this important period. Additionally, we'll look at how propaganda influenced people at the time and even create our own propaganda images.

### PE AND GAMES

Gilpin Class will join Mint Class for their swimming sessions on Wednesday mornings with Mr. Harris while Miss Mousdell has her planning time. Please refer to the previously sent swimming letter for further details. This will be followed by a PE lesson. Kindly ensure that

your child has the correct PE kit in school, including outdoor clothing each day, as our PE schedule may vary due to weather conditions.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework and spellings will be given out most Fridays to be returned the following Friday. On Friday mornings we will have a spelling test to check the children's retention of spelling rules. This will include words from our letters and sounds programme as well as statutory common exception words. Reading at home is encouraged where possible as well as the Times Table Rock Stars practice.

### **AND FINALLY.....**

We are looking forward to a successful year in Year Five. Our team includes Miss Mousdell as the Gilpin Class Teacher, with Mrs. Hoyle, Mrs. Lovelady, and Mrs. Sunter providing support.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,  
Miss Mousdell