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Information

This term, we are encouraging children to continue their learning outside the classroom by providing them with two learning journals – one lined book for English, Science and Thematic learning and one with squared paper for Maths tasks. These tasks will be constructive and manageable but will have an invaluable impact on your child's progress this year.

The set activities serve two main purposes:

- Pre-teaching tasks are to support in-class teaching. The activity your child completes at home will support their learning the following day. For example, your child may be given a passage to read which will support their next science lesson or asked to carry out some research which will benefit them in their following history session.
- Post-learning tasks aim to consolidate what the children have already covered in school and provide opportunities for rehearsal and the development of skills. These tasks will aim to develop mastery or deepen their grasp of the new information. They may also encourage the children to apply their skills to new situations and explore their new understanding.

We will also send home spellings each week which will be tested each Friday. Reading books will also be sent home to encourage children to read for pleasure outside of school, if you could listen to your child read and note this in their reading record it will be much appreciated.

Year 5 Curriculum Leaflet Autumn

Welcome back Year 5! We have a fantastic term of learning ahead and can't wait to get started. With all that has happened this year, it is more important than ever to make in-school and at-home learning as seamless as possible. This leaflet is designed to offer information about how you can support your child with their learning at home to ensure a successful and enjoyable term.

We believe that home learning should:

- Inspire a love of learning outside of the classroom.
- Provide a continuous provision between in class teaching and at home learning.
- Encourage independent learning and discovery in a variety of contexts.
- Enable children to develop skills that will be invaluable moving forward.

Thank you for your continued support!

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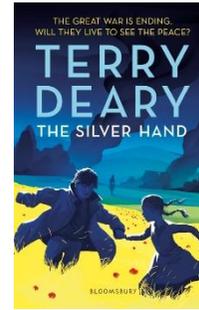
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Our Class text- The Silver Hand

It's 1918 and the Great War is coming to the end. Aimee, a young French girl has just discovered her mother is part of a spy network working with the British. Determined to help them find a German spy, Aimee begins the search for the most dangerous man in France. Meanwhile a German boy, Marius, is helping to tend wounded soldiers. When he crosses paths with Aimee, the two must work together to get him back behind German lines. But the children's journey soon becomes a desperate flight from the traitor Aimee helped to identify. Will they live to see the peace?



English

In English this term Year 5 will be exploring a range of texts and genres. In reading, we will delve into our new class text "The Silver Hand" by Horrible Histories author Terry Deary. This historically accurate text is rich in language and will allow your child to deepen their comprehension skills whilst taking inspiration for their own independent writing. We will compare this story with other narrative, poems and information texts from World War One to develop a significant understanding of context and explore new forms. Our writing will focus initially on a newspaper report based on the assassination of Franz Ferdinand, combining their historical understanding and writing skills. We will also create our own war time poetry and write a biography of a significant figure of the time. Linking to our class text we will develop our story telling skills by creating a mystery narrative with all the key features of the genre. Within all of this, we will be encouraging and developing grammatical accuracy, advanced spelling and appropriate punctuation.

RE

In RE lessons, we will be investigating the Islamic faith, looking more closely at the five pillars of Islam and how these impact the lives of Muslims. When studying aspects of Christianity, children will be answering the question: "Was Jesus the messiah?"

Thematic topic

This term in our thematic lessons we will be learning about WW1. We will explore the following key areas:

- How the war started and what countries were involved.
- What it was like being in a trench.
- Inventions from WW1. Did you know drones were first used to spy over enemy territory?
- How animals played their part in the war effort.
- The life and experiences of Walter Tull and comparing him to modern day people.
- Finally, we will look at the Christmas truce just in time for us to enjoy the festive period.

Science

This term we will be looking at changes in materials. We will be investigating which materials will be best for insulating a lunchbox and discovering why this is the case. We will also investigate whether temperature affects the rate at which something dissolves and observe some common reversible and irreversible changes. We will continue to develop our scientific skills to enable us to be safe and inquisitive investigators.



Maths

During this term, we will continue to develop understanding and use of the four main operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will explore written methods for these and rehearse mental strategies to ensure fluency. These skills will be regularly applied in real-world scenarios and children will be encouraged to think analytically and critically about problems and their solutions. We will also continue to read time accurately in both digital and analogue form and would encourage children to practice this regularly at home. We will then use these skills to read and interpret timetables and solve problems appropriately. In geometry children will begin to draw and measure angles using a protractor and identify 3D shapes. They will also recap metric units of measurement and convert between common denominations. At home, we recommend the repetition of multiplication facts and number bonds to 100.

Don't Forget...

- We will have PE on Monday mornings (5JP) and Wednesdays (5ET). Please make sure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on their allocated day and they are to stay in their PE kit all day. Please make sure that they have a dark coloured hoodie in case it is cold as we will be outside. Also please make sure children are able to remove their own earrings for the sessions. If children are unable to remove their own earrings can they please be removed in the morning before they come to school on PE days.
- We break up for half term on **Friday 23rd October** and return to school on **Monday 2nd November**.