

Spring Term 2020 - Year 5 Parent Information

This term the children will be doing lots of learning based around The Second World War. This will involve them taking part in History lessons about evacuation, rationing and The Blitz amongst many other topics. In RE the children will be learning about the Jewish Faith and this will also be linked to what it was like for Jewish people throughout the war.

In English lessons, the children will be writing diaries from the view point of an evacuee and a narrative based on a famous book *Rose Blanche* which is set in a French Town by a Prisoner of War Camp. As an exciting entry point to the topic, all children have made their own gas masks and are being asked to look after them for the whole term! (A great test of our school core value - Responsibility)

In Maths the children will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages but will be continuing to practice the core calculation skills that we learnt last term. Please support your child by practicing the four operations at home also.

PE will move to different days as the term progresses so it would be really helpful practice for your child to have their kit in school every day.

Reading diaries should continue to be brought in on a Monday and homework should be brought in on a Thursday as normal. Spelling tests are likely to take place on Thursdays this term and not a Friday.

Finally, lots of children have already expressed an interest in sharing artefacts and objects that they have linked to WW2. As a school we would love to look at these items and give your child the opportunity to talk about where they are from and what they represent. Please make sure that any such items are sent in a labelled bag and have sufficient wrapping/protection to ensure that they are safe. We understand that many of these items are precious and would hate for anything to happen to them.

The children are already very engaged in their learning this term and we are all looking forward to another great term in Year 5 at St Margaret's.

The Year 5 Team.