

Thursday 11th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank the children for all of their hard work this term. They have very much enjoyed our World War II topic and the book 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman that we have been reading in English.

### Homework/Reading

We will be continuing to set a termly projects for the children linked to their topic. This term the topic is World War I. The children can include anything they like in their independent research learning, but we will give them a few suggestions. They will need to hand in their finished project at the end of term, but we expect to see it each Thursday, to make sure that they are on track and not falling behind. As a rule, we would expect to see around a page a week completed in their books. They cannot copy and paste things from the internet, or copy from a book. We would like the work to be their own and they should be as creative as possible. Guidance is on a sheet in their Homework Journals.

The children will also be set Mathematics tasks each week, which are linked to what they have been in learning in class. The children have been given a homework diary in order to keep track of this and promote their independence.

The children should also read their reading book each night. It is important that your child reads on a regular basis and this should be recorded in their homework diary. Reading books and homework diaries should be brought to school daily and each read will be recorded to count towards the Westie Reading Challenge.

Weekly spellings will also be set and we will have a small test on these in class time each week.

### Curriculum

Below are the topics that we will be studying, should you and your children wish to do any extra research:

| Subject                              | Term 1   |
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| English                              | War Horse by Michael Morpurgo<br>Diary entry<br>Action writing with dialogue<br>Descriptive writing<br>Newspaper report<br>Narrative |
| Maths                                | Fractions<br>addition, subtraction, ordering, simplifying multiplying  |
| Science                              | Forces and Space   |
| ICT                                  | Education City – Term 2  |
| Topic (History, Geography, D.T, Art) | World War I<br>The trenches<br>Sittingbourne in WWI<br>Remembrance<br>Causes of the war<br>Great war timeline – main events          |
| R.E.                                 | Christianity   |
| P.E                                  | Real PE – Static balance<br>Games with a balance skill incorporated  |
| Music                                | Weekly singing lessons.  |

**Water Bottles**

It is essential that all children in year 6 have a water bottle in school every day. Bottles should be taken home every day and refilled at home for the following day and can contain only water please.

**PE**

Children will need a PE kit in school everyday. The kit should include a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and plimsolls. A blue/black tracksuit will be needed during the colder months should we be outside for lessons on a dry day. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please can you provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE.

**PE Days**

PE is on a Wednesday for both classes. Swimming is on a Thursday each week (for both classes). Swimming is part of the curriculum which means **all** children need to take part.

**Uniform**

Children should be wearing black shoes. Black trainers are **not** acceptable. All children in year 6 should be wearing their tie to school every day as well as their blazer. We would also like to remind you that necklaces, earrings, large bows, bangles etc. are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Burr and Mr Shepherd