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STP/ELB/JYB/Year 5 & 6/Curriculum Newsletter, Term 2 of 2018-2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children in their great start to Upper Key Stage Two. They worked hard throughout term 2 and very much enjoyed our learning which was based around World War 1.

This term we will be basing our English and Creative Curriculum learning around World War II. The book, which will be the focus for our English, is 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman. It is a fiction piece, which has been written using historical factual research. It is a brilliant book, which we are sure will keep the children wanting to read the next in the series!

Homework/Reading

Maths homework will be completing activities on Mathletics. We would also like your child to read every day, either using their reading book or Bug Club. We will send a reading book home with your child. Please ensure that you sign your child's homework diary when they have read, or fill in the Buster's Book Club bookmark every Wednesday evening.

In addition to this, years 5 and 6 have access to Google Classroom. Here, they can complete homework assignments which will be set by their class teachers online. The learning platform is fully monitored by staff and they are able to see who has completed the home learning tasks and how well they have completed them.

Curriculum

Below are the topics that we will be studying in Term 2. Please feel free to support your child with any additional research that they would like to do.

Subject	Term 2
English	Once by M Gleitzman Diary entry Informal letter Explanation text Newspaper report
Maths	Year 5 Multiplication Division Factors Prime, square and cube numbers Perimeter Area



Maths	Year 6 Square, cube and prime numbers BODMAS Fractions Decimals Percentages Arithmetic
Science	Year 6 - Space Year 5 - Light
ICT	E-Safety, online research and Google Drive document use
Topic (History, Geography, D.T, Art)	World War II Timeline of the war - how the war started The Blitz Life of children in World War II Life in Britain - the home guard and role of women in wartime Visiting workshops from Folkestone Museum
R.E.	Sikhism
P.S.H.E.	Strengths and Challenge Peer pressure and Gangs - workshop from Excelsior
P.E	REAL PE
Music	Singing and music of WWII
French	Year 5 - What is the date? Year 6 - the weekend

PE

Children will need a PE kit in school every day. The kit should include a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and plimsolls. A blue/black tracksuit can be worn during the colder months if we go outside. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE or speak to your child's teacher. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit. Many children still did not have a full, correct PE kit at the end of term 1.

Swimming

This term, it will be Platinum and Aquamarine to swim on Tuesdays.

Uniform

Children should be wearing black shoes, black trainers are not part of the daily uniform - trainers are only to be worn for PE. We would also like to remind you that necklaces, earrings, bangles etc. are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed. Could you also ensure that children are not wearing large bows or bandanas in their hair; hair bands and accessories should be in school colours (red, white, blue, black).

Yours faithfully,

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