

St John's Walham Green Church of England Primary School

Year Group: 5

Term: Spring

Class Teacher: Miss Parris & Miss Synnott

Date: January 2019

Our main topic for this term is World War 2

Reading: It is important for your child to read every evening for at least 20 minutes (10 pages a day). Your child should be reading a range of texts including stories, poetry, newspapers, instructions as well as science books etc. Please read with your child at least once a week and ask questions about what they're reading as much as possible to ensure they have understood it. The children's reading records will be checked daily, so they are expected to bring their reading packs in every day.

Spelling and Homework: Homework will be set 4 times per week – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Children will have a piece of Maths and a piece of Literacy each week. Every other week, your child will be expected to draft their extended writing task. Spellings will be given out in the same way as they were before Christmas. On Monday we will teach a spelling rule and will set spelling homework to coincide with this, which will be due in on a Friday when the children will also sit their spelling test.

Maths: This term we will be working our way through many different concepts: reading and writing decimal numbers, comparing decimals, writing decimals as fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. In addition, we will be comparing and finding percentages of a number. Lastly, we will be working on measuring, investigating and drawing angles.

English: In Literacy, we will begin our teaching with a book called 'The Silver Sword'. We will focus on narrative writing up until half term. After half term we will move onto a poetry text called 'Cloud Busting' and think about different types of poems and poetic devices. Where possible, we will be linking our topic focus with our Literacy work. Every Tuesday we will teach SPAG. The children will be taught a new concept each week and will be expected to transfer this learning to all written tasks across the curriculum.

Further information:

P.E.: Our PE lessons will be on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Swimming will also take place on a Monday.

History/Geography: This term we will learn about WW2. We will learn about how the war started and how it affected people and their families. In addition, we will learn about the countries involved and what their involvement was. We will also be exploring artefacts and experiencing WW2 during our Topic Day.

Science: Our Science topic for the first half of the Spring Term will be Earth and Space. Children will learn to describe the movement of the Earth, Sun and Moon and use the Earth's rotation to explain day and night. They will observe changes in the moon and be able to describe the Earth, Sun and Moon as spherical bodies. After half term, our topic will be 'animals including humans'. We will make observations about animal and human skeletons and how they are similar and different.

Music: The children will continue to have hymn practice once a week and will sing during some of our communal worship sessions. 5S will have music on Thursdays and 5P on Thursday.

Computing: The children will continue to learn about E-Safety and will make their own comic strips giving advice on an online scenario. They will learn how to code on scratch and use Excel.

R.E: This term we will be learning about Sikhism and exploring the beliefs of Sikhs. In the lead up to Easter, we will cover the Easter story, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Monday.

MFL: Y5 will continue to learn French, focusing mainly on speaking and listening. Both classes will have French on a Friday.

Art/DT: This term, the children will be collaging. They will be learning about different techniques for collaging and will create their own pictures using collage.

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