

Dear Parents,

I hope your child has enjoyed the first few days back at school and is getting used to the new set up and routines. I have to say that all the children have settled in well and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching them and getting to know them.

Thank you so much for your support for our WOW day. The children all looked great dressed as evacuees and hopefully they had lots of fun!

Topic

It's 1939 and Britain is at war. This half term, we'll imagine what it was like to be evacuated and live with a family other than our own. Using different source materials, we'll learn about evacuation and write letters to our families 'back home'. We'll plot the Second World War's events on a timeline and learn about rationing, Pearl Harbour and the Battle of Britain.

From a range of maps, we'll identify safe and dangerous places during the war and make persuasive posters to support the war effort. After reading an extract from 'The Diary of a Young Girl' by Anne Frank, we'll write our own diaries. From a range of sources, we'll find out about children and school during the war and learn about discrimination that existed at the time.

We'll learn about what it was like during the Blitz and think about how soldiers might have felt. In D&T, we'll cook delicious wartime food. At the end of the topic, we'll reflect on Winston Churchill's stirring speeches and write our own.

Homework

We will not be giving out homework for the next few weeks. Children can continue to use their TT Rockstars login to improve their timetables and learn the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 spelling words. The more formal homework will follow.

Please see attached the information for Topic based homework. You may decide to pick or two of these to complete. These can be brought into school the week commencing Monday 19th October.

PE

Your child's PE lessons will be on a Wednesday and a Thursday. Your child is invited to come into school on those days in their PE kits instead of bringing a change of clothes. Please be mindful that we plan on being outside as much as possible so jumpers and jogging bottoms are preferred.

Reading

Please continue to make sure your child is reading every day. It is really important that they read as often as possible as this will in turn enhance their writing. Children will get to pick a book either from a coloured band or be allowed to choose across the bands for their reading book for home. Please make sure your child writes in their yellow reading record what they have read.

If you ever need anything please don't hesitate to contact me, if it is easier please use wildflowers@st-james.derbyshire.sch.uk. I will try my best to answer you as quickly as I can but be aware that it won't be instant.

I am looking forward to working with you all,

Mr Ford