

Love Learning, Love Life  
Always Aiming High

## PE

This term we will be doing Dance on a Wednesday with a specialist PE coach and we will continue to go swimming on a Thursday afternoon.

## Homework, Spellings and Reading

Like last term, there will be two pieces of homework a week. Numeracy and Learning Log goes out on a Friday and is due in on Wednesday. Occasionally we may give out a piece of homework that lasts for a longer period of time, such as a mini-project. If the homework days ever change (this did sometimes happen last term) the children will still be given the same amount of time to complete the homework, if not longer.

Spelling lists will also be sent home once a week to be learnt in time for our weekly spelling tests.

As always, reading is the cornerstone of all learning. We recommend reading a wide range of texts at home and at school. Also, although many of the children are reading longer 'chapter books', they should still be aiming to change their book as often as possible.

Miss Blake



'Conflict'



Year Five Learning Letter  
Spring Term

This term our topic will be about The Great War. We will start by looking at how it all began and then move onto how the conflict affected different groups of people.

In **Art** we will be making 3D sculptures. Specifically, we will be designing dioramas based on war memorials.



In **DT** we will be cooking! We will follow some wartime recipes.

In **English** we will be focusing on the story 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. Throughout the term, we will focus on narrative, poetry, instructional writing and information texts as well as completing extended writing within our topic work. We will continue to develop our spelling, punctuation and grammar, with a particular focus on the use of parenthesis, modal verbs, cohesion and relative clauses.



In **Maths** we will be working on our general number sense as well as shapes and graphs. We will continue to look at strategies for the four operations of number. This term we will also learn about angles and shape properties. As always, mental maths is very important and we will continue to work on our times tables and other basic skills.

In our **History** lessons, we will be studying The Great War. How did it begin? What was life like for men, women and children at home and on the front line? How did the British Government use propaganda as a tool to motivate the nation? And finally, who were significant figures during this famous conflict? The **Geography** work we will undertake will involve locating on a map the main countries involved in The Great War and learning about their landscape features.

#### **PE**

This term we will be fortunate enough to have a coach in for Dance and we will continue to go swimming on Thursdays.



In **Computing** we will be using Movie-Maker to design adverts and 'news style' videos based on World War One. We will also be learning about how the Internet works by following the route a packet of information takes.

In **RE** we will be studying Judaism and Christianity. In Judaism we will be looking at synagogues, Moses, The Torah and beliefs. Specifically we will look at the life of Jesus Christ. Through reading parables we will learn about what he taught people. We will also learn about the key events of his life.

In **French** we will be looking at celebrations and portraits. We will also look at the use of verbs and continue looking at having conversations.

In **Music** we will continue to work with the wider opportunities team to learn how to play our instruments, how to improve our singing and how to read music.