



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Friday 5th January 2023

Year 5 - Spring 1

I am always ready to learn (Winston Churchill)

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome all the children back and hope that you enjoyed your Christmas break. Year 5 had a successful autumn term: they created their water rafts, played their brass instruments for Year 3 and 4 children and performed their Carols Around the Tree concert. Spring term is going to be just as busy and filled with lots of exciting lessons.

Learning Challenge

This term the children are studying, “**How was Britain affected by WWII?**” To kick-start our learning, we are visiting Millestones Living Museum on **Friday 12th January** to learn about what life was like on the Home Front during World War 2. Later in the term, we will celebrate our own WWII day in school, where children will create some blitz artwork and learn how to swing dance. The children will learn and discuss what happened during WWII throughout this half term. They will consider how countries were affected (including the UK and others) and how it has shaped the world today.



Homework

We encourage the children to complete the following homework:

- Read 3 times a week (written and signed in homework diary by Friday)
- Practise their weekly spelling words (tested and handed out on Monday)
- 20 minutes playing on Timestable Rockstars
- One piece from the learning challenge homework grid (due in every Friday)

In your child's homework diary, you will see their new spellings for each week. These are handed out on Monday and tested the following Monday. We do try to encourage the children to use different strategies to practise spelling words. The homework tasks are on the homework grid, which should be stuck into your child's homework book. The children are encouraged to think carefully about how they present their homework and house points will be awarded for great effort and care. Moreover, every child should read at home at least 3 times a week.

Supporting your child with their homework shows them you value learning. It also helps them to develop a sense of responsibility and pride. The homework we set links to your child's key learning themes, so will help them feel confident in the classroom.

If your child regularly **does not** hand in their homework, including the practising of their weekly spellings, you will be contacted by the class teacher. Here they will discuss any difficulties you may be facing and try to offer support to help you.

Homework Diaries

Please continue to check and sign the diary regularly. To enable the children to become more independent we encourage the children to show the teacher any messages in their diaries. It should be your child's responsibility to remind you that it needs to be signed.

P.E.



P.E. will continue to take place on **Wednesday afternoons** this term. The children will be learning dance and basketball skills. Please ensure your child wears P.E. kit to school on this day.

Important dates:

Friday 12th January	Milestones Trip
Monday 5th February	WW2 Day
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	Half term

Yours faithfully,
Miss Feather and Miss Nicholls

At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 5	How was Britain affected by WWII?
Subject	Areas Covered
Learning Enrichment	WW2 Day, Milestones Living History Museum
Reading:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Select and Retrieve - Inference and the use of language - Summarise and respond - Inference and justify <p>Texts- When the Sky Falls, When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit, Once and War songs</p> 
Writing:	<p>Rose Blanche – Narrative retell of the story</p> <p>Letters from the Lighthouse– Writing from a different perspective</p> 
Mathematics	<p>Fractions and percentages Percentage and decimal equivalents, decimal numbers as fractions, round decimals</p> <p>Geometry and angles Estimate and compare acute, obtuse, and reflex angles, draw given angles, and measure them in degrees, find missing lengths and angles of rectangles.</p> <p>Subtraction and addition with whole numbers and fractions Add and subtract using mental, informal and formal written methods Use rounding to check answers to calculations Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator beyond one and multiples of the same number. Solve problems involving number up to three decimal places.</p>
Art and design	Sculpture inspired by Henry Moore
Computing	E-safety - Know how to stay safe online
Music	Map rappers – create their very own rap
Science	Famous Scientists – look at past scientist such as Leonardo da Vinci and Alexander Fleming Scientific Enquiries -
History	WW2 – how countries were affected by WWII and its future impact on society
Physical Education	Basketball – throwing/ catching, spatial awareness, competitive game play Dance
HeartSmart / PSHE	Heart smart – Too much selfie isn't healthy
Spanish	WW2- Phonetic revision
R.E.	Leadership – qualities of an effective leader and how these skills can support us in life