

### Welcome to Year 5!

We are delighted to be welcoming you back after a very strange time. We can't wait to start learning with you and getting back to a new kind of normal.

Our priority this half term is making sure your children feel secure and settled returning to school. We will spend a lot of time on wellbeing activities to address any anxieties.

In line with our Covid procedures, we are not available for meetings at drop-off or collection times. We will use Class Dojo for contacting you as well as email. You can leave a message with the office for us to call you if you need to speak to us.

Mrs Doe, Mrs Kennerley and Mrs Vaughan

### Meet the Teacher

Our usual Meet the Teacher evening will be in the format of a presentation emailed to you during the first full week.

### Homework

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home. In Year 5 we will be using a homework grid that includes All About Me and 40 Things, as well as subject-based homework tasks. In the next few weeks, we will introduce a compulsory weekly Maths task and weekly spelling tests. We also ask that you continue to encourage your child to read on four separate days each week and to record this in their reading record.

### Creative Curriculum

In our first topic of Year 5, we will be looking at key events of World War II and particularly the effect on children. In topic lessons, we will learn about evacuation and the Blitz. Many of our other lessons across the curriculum will also be linked to this topic.



## Keep Calm and Carry On

### English

This half term we will begin by reading Michael Morpurgo's 'Friend or Foe' to understand the characters and events of this evacuation story. We will then use this to stimulate our own descriptive writing and we will read, plan and write reports based on our topic. Reading will be a mix of whole-class and group reading sessions. Grammar will be taught once a week separately, and consolidated in our reading and writing.

### Maths

During this half term, we begin with place value, ensuring that the children have a solid understanding of numbers up to a million as well as negative numbers. Later in the half term we will move onto addition and subtraction, developing mental and written skills and the use of estimation. As always, we will be consolidating key skills before applying them in problem solving and reasoning tasks. Practise of mental maths, including times tables, will continue this half term.

### Science

We begin by looking at life cycles of plants and extending our understanding through work in the garden. We learn about the structure of a flower and the different ways in which plants disperse their seeds. We will then begin our Materials topic, exploring properties of materials and how they change.

### Art & Design Technology

We will be using WW11 as inspiration for our own modern day 'Make do and mend' Projects and Blitz artwork.

### Music

We will be listening to some of the music from WW11 as well as learning songs that were popular during that time.

### Computing

We will be developing our word processing skills, learning about E Safety and developing our coding skills using Purple Mash.

### PE

We will do PE indoors on Mondays, with the outdoor games lesson with the coaches on Tuesdays. Please make sure your child has the correct kit on these days. They will also need trainers in school every day for other outdoor activities.

### RE and PSHE

Our RE this year starts with Judaism and its key values.

Our PSHE work will look at wellbeing as well as how to set and work towards goals.