

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We are excited to welcome the children back for the Spring 1 term. Below is an overview of what your child will be exploring this half term:

English- Our writing theme is World War II, inspired by the key text *D-Day Dog* by Tom Palmer. Children will produce a narrative piece and a hybrid text on *Animals in War*, developing their ability to write with empathy and historical understanding.

Maths- We will focus on:

- Decimals
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Position and direction

These topics will help children deepen their understanding of number relationships and apply them to problem-solving.

History- Our topic is The Battle of Britain and Local History, where we will explore:

- What were the key events leading up to World War II?
- Who was Winston Churchill and what impact did he have on the Battle of Britain?
- What was the Battle of Britain and what happened?
- What was the turning point in the Battle of Britain?

Science- 'Classification of living things'. In this topic, children will be able to:

- Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals
- Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics

PSHE- Our focus will be on Citizenship and Healthy Relationships, encouraging children to think about their role in the community and how to build positive connections.

RE- We will explore the question: How do Sikhs show commitment? Children will learn about Sikh practices and beliefs, and how these reflect dedication and faith.

Art- Our theme is Portraits and Identity, inspired by artists Frida Kahlo and Thandiwe Muriu. Children will experiment with techniques to express individuality and cultural identity.

Computing- We begin with an Online Safety lesson on creating a positive online reputation, followed by programming work on Variables in Games.

Spanish- Children will learn to talk about weekend activities (El fin de semana), including hobbies and times of day.

PE- Our focus will be on Gymnastics and Hockey (Invasion Games), developing coordination, strength, and teamwork.

Music- We will work on composition and improvisation using the glockenspiel, focusing on dynamics and texture.

### Homework

Spellings	Set on Monday Practice spelling games from Monday to Sunday on Ed Shed.	The following Monday is the spelling test.
Handwriting	Set on Monday Write each spelling 5 times in the red handwriting book, joined up.	Hand in the following Monday.
Mathletics	Set on a Monday Online task set, linked to work in class.	To complete by Friday
Maths	Set on a Monday A '10-minute weekly workout', linked to current work in class or recapping on previous topic.	To hand in on Friday
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	Set on Monday Linked to current work in class or recapping on previous topic.	To hand in on Friday
Reading	Set on Monday Reading comprehension- a reading extract with questions to answer.  Children to read daily, for at least 20 minutes.	To hand in on Friday

Additionally, it is expected that your child go on Times Table Rockstars to practice and retain their multiplication tables.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 15th January : Throwback Thursday – A screen free day

Mon 19th to Fri 23rd January: Bikeability – Cycle training

Tuesday 20th January Y1 to Y6: APPCA movie Night (provisional date)

Monday 26th January : RSPB Great Big Garden Bird Watch

w/c Mon 2nd February : National Story telling week – Parents/Carers invited to 'share a story' with the class

w/c Monday 9th February : Children's mental health week & SAFETY week

Tuesday 10th February : Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February : Chinese New Year Celebrations

Friday 13th February : School Closes 3.10pm OOS Club Closes 5pm

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Yeadon