

Birkwood Primary School

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER September 2011



Dear Parents,

The children have settled well into Year 5 and are already working hard.

Below is a summary of the areas we intend to cover over the next term:

Literacy/History

We will be making links between our topic 'World War II' and Literacy as much as possible focusing on the novel 'Goodnight Mister Tom'.

We will work on the children's drama and role playing skills in a bid to enhance their creative writing.

We will also use our historical theme to produce information writing on the way Britain lived in Wartime.

Spellings will be given and tested on a weekly basis, the tests will be on a Friday

There will be homework provided in Maths on a weekly basis. I am available to help with this should there be any misunderstanding around the strategies and methods used in school.

Mathematics

The children will be encouraged to learn their times tables and improve their times table challenge scores.

Please could you support your child with learning their times tables and also developing their mental arithmetic skills.

ICT

The children will learn how to use the internet effectively for research and select information appropriate to a given task.

In addition, we will develop the children's skills in Microsoft Word – the major Word Processing Program used around the world today.

Art/Design Technology

The children will have the opportunity to develop their sculpture skills when creating a clay model on an evacuation theme.

The war theme will also encompass the Government Posters used in campaigns such as 'Dig for Victory,' the lettering and slogans in these posters will be reviewed and replicated.

We will use shades of red, yellow & orange to produce a background for silhouettes of buildings, produced in 3D effect.

Also, we will study the Picasso work on the bombing of Guernica.

PE

Our focus for this half term is gymnastics. The children will create sequences for performance, including changes in level, direction and speed.

Dance lessons will take place on Thursday – please make sure your child has the correct kit – thank you.

PE lessons with Mrs Hodgkins and Mr Fielding will take place on Tuesdays – please make sure your child has the correct kit – thank you.

When considering trips and visitors in to school, we are very aware of the cost implications for parents, especially when you have more than one child in school. At the moment, we are investigating the possibility of taking the children on a World War II themed trip.

As you can see, it's a very busy time ahead. We feel sure that we can rely on your support throughout the year, however, if you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to call in and arrange a mutually convenient time for us to meet.

With best wishes,

Mrs J Robinson
Class Teacher

Mrs J Birch
Senior HLTA

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Teaching Assistant