

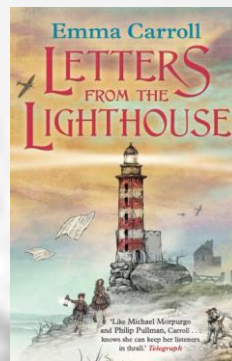
House Martins: Autumn 1

3rd September – 23rd October

Bravery, Blackouts and Battles: Life in World War II

English

In English, our writing this half term will be inspired by *Letters From the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll. We will be reading some diary entries written by evacuees during the war and writing our own from the perspective of the story's characters. We will then move on to write a persuasive speech, convincing parents in cities to evacuate their children to the countryside.



REMINDER: children are awarded house points for reading three times or more in a week, including at least once with an adult.

Maths

In maths this half term, year 5 and 6 will be developing their understanding of:

Year 5:

- Roman numerals
- Comparing numbers to 1,000,000
- Partitioning numbers to 1,000,000
- Ordering numbers to 1,000,000
- Rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.
- Negative numbers

Year 6:

- Roman numerals
- Comparing integers to 10 000 000
- Partitioning numbers to 10 000 000
- Ordering numbers to 10 000 000
- Rounding integers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10 000.
- Negative numbers

Weekly reminders

Our PE days are: Monday and Wednesday
Please make sure the children have warm clothing and sports trainers in school.

Homework is set on: Friday

Homework is due on: Wednesday

Reading records are marked on: Wednesday

Library books are changed on: Friday

Important dates:

8th September @ 8.50am - Meet the Teacher presentation (school hall)

6th October - school trip to the STEAM museum, Swindon

21st October @ 8.50 - class assembly to parents

23rd October - break up for half term

24th October - INSET day

Home learning task:

Cook a WW2 'rationing friendly' meal for your family. What ingredients would be readily available? Write down the recipe to share with us and include photos of your meal! You could get your family to give their reviews of your food too!

Due: Tuesday 21st October

Parent outcome: Class assembly Tuesday 21st October @ 8.50 school hall

PSHE

In our unit 'Get Heart Smart', we reflect on what we'd like our reputation to be and how our actions promote this. We also look at the benefits of sleep and how we can maintain healthy sleep habits.



Spanish

Our key text for this half term is a popular one - El Grúfalo! In relation to this text, we will be learning to describe someone's appearance and personality using the verb 'ser' (to be).



Science

In Science this half term, we'll be studying Electricity. We will be building circuits to investigate the impact of voltage on different circuit elements, as well as learning to represent circuits using circuit diagrams.



PE

Indoor 1940s dance
Outdoor Netball



DT

In DT this term, we will be designing, making and evaluating a torch! We'll be using our understanding of voltage from Science to ensure our torch is adequately bright and ensuring our designs appeal to a particular audience.



History

Our key question this half term is: What was it like to live in World War II Britain? We will be looking at life both on the front line and the Home front. We will be looking at key battles, machinery and figures during this period.



R.E.

Our key question this half term is: What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God? We'll be comparing Hindu practices to those of other religions.



Music

In music, we'll be looking at the timbre and texture of different styles of music popular in the 1940s. We'll be exploring styles such as swing, jazz and big band.



Computing

Our focus this half term is on how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration. This will include looking at the role and makeup of data packets.



If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to me at the end of the day or email:

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