Year 5 Newsletter Autumn 2 2026

Dear Parents,

We hope that you all had a restful half term break and we welcome you back to Autumn 2. It was good to meet you all last month at Parent Consultations. We are pleased that all the children have now settled well into their classes and routines.

Our topic this half term remains as The Home Front in Wimbledon with a Geography focus. Below is a reminder of what we will be covering in the next few weeks before the Christmas break. We also look forward to seeing you at our 'Share my Learning' event on Thursday 12th November.

Curriculum overview for this half term:

Topic: The Home Front	
Subject	**Main Learning**
Literacy	• Narrative writing, non-chronological reports and biographies. • Development of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and accurate sentence structure. Introduction of subordinate clauses and relative clauses and how a comma demarcates these. • Formal and informal language • Revision and development of the KS2 Statutory Spelling List. • Suffixes e.g. -ant, -ance
Maths	• Single step and multistep problems (addition and subtraction) • Factors and prime numbers • Multiplication and division • Statistics
Science	• Science skills - observing, predicting, planning, recording and concluding • Materials (continued) - properties and changes states of materials. • Forces – gravity, air-resistance and water-resistance
Computing	• Coding - using selection and conditions when programming
Foundation Subjects	• History/Geography – The Home Front in our local area: land use over time. • Design Technology - Pop-up book (Levers and mechanisms) • RE - Why do people stand up for what they believe in? and What makes us Human? • PE - Sports Leaders, Dance and Invasion games

Pencil Case Equipment

Please can you ensure that your child has one pencil case only, stocked with: a blue handwriting pen; pencils and coloured pencils; a glue stick; a whiteboard pen; a rubber; a sharpener and a short ruler. We really do appreciate your support in this and do understand the frustration when items get lost. Naming individual objects, whilst time consuming, is definitely worth it!

Snacks

Please remember that your child should have a **healthy snack** and **no nuts**. **Please do not send in crisps, chocolate or sweet biscuits.**

BFI Trip - Tuesday 10th November

We are looking forward to our second trip of the school year next week. This is a quick reminder that all pupils will need a packed lunch and that we will be returning to school later than usual at approximately 16.15.

The event will conclude with a screening of Goodnight Mister Tom (1998), a moving story about an evacuee during the Blitz. The film is a life-affirming story set in wartime Britain **but does involve some challenging themes of children facing various traumatic events.** The film is certified **PG** so suitable for their age but we will, of course, discuss the themes in class and handle them in a sensitive manner.

Key dates

Friday 13th November - Children in Need non-uniform day
Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week
Thursday 26th November - Home Front Day: dress in WW2- themed clothes. More info to follow
Saturday 28th November- Christmas Fair
Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th December - Phase 3 Christmas performances
Thursday 10th December -Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas dinner
Friday 18th December- Last day of term 1.30 pm finish

If you would like to contact us, then please do so via the school office or in a sealed note.

Kind regards,

Ms Belbasis, Mrs Evans and Mr Surkitt