



Jaguars Class Update

GET READY TO:

LEARN **see** DO
read **EXPLORE**
question **GROW**
laugh **SMILE**
IMPROVE **SHARE**
try write **CONNECT**
imagine **DO YOUR VERY BEST**

Our learning in November and December 2023:

Our topic this term will explore the key events, prominent individuals and countries involved in the Second World War (WWII). We shall explore when and why the conflict began, as well as significant moments such as the Blitz and understanding what the Holocaust was. Focusing mainly on how people faced the conflict in their daily lives, we will learn all about the evacuation of children from the cities; what it was like to live with food rationing and consider the contribution made by women to the war effort.



Our class book:

Fritz and Kurt by Jeremy Dronfield is an extraordinary true story of two Jewish brothers who faced unimaginable hardships in different parts of the world during World War II.



English:

In the first week, our writing focus will be a character description and writing a piece of suspense fiction. Following this, we will write a newspaper article (non-fiction) recounting a devastating night during the London Blitz. In our final writing week, we will construct Christmas poems in the form of a cinquain (*sin-cane*).

Maths:

This half term will mainly be a unit on fractions and will include:

- Equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions;
- Comparing and ordering;
- Add and subtract fractions, add and subtract mixed number fractions;
- Multiply fraction by an integer, multiply by a fraction;
- Divide any fraction by an integer;
- Fractions of amounts.



Homework:

- Reading – DAILY (20 minutes a day at home). Reading journals will be checked on a Monday but should be in school, with their reading book, every day. Although each child is allowed to read independently at home, it is vital that occasionally parents listen to their child read and discuss their reading with them. Please add a signature when you have heard your child read.
- Reading Comprehension / SPaG - handed out Mondays: completed for the following **Monday**.
- Spelling test: **Mondays**. New words to practice given after the test.
- Maths – handed out on Friday to be completed and handed in the following **Wednesday**.

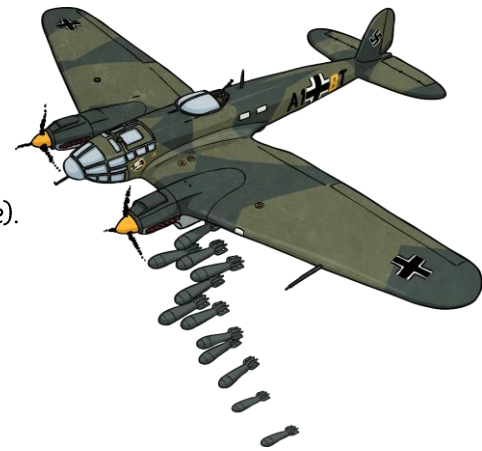
If your child is finding homework tricky, please support them and make a note about how you have helped. However, if they continue to struggle please make sure they seek help at school prior to the handing in date.

Useful information:

PE: Thursdays. PE kit (plain, white top; plain, dark shorts/trousers; dark jumper/hoodie; trainers NOT pumps; and socks). It is important children have the **correct uniform for PE**, as they would for a school day.

Dates for the diary:

- 6th November – Inset Day.
- 7th November – Return to School
- 10th November – Individual School Photographs.
- 20th November – Year 6 Fire Safety Workshop (Fire Service).
- 21st November – Road Safety Workshops.
- 7th December – Christmas Discos.
- 8th December – PTA Christmas Coffee morning.
- 15th December – Elfridges Sale.
- 22nd December – Last day of Term.



In Year 6, there is a great expectation on appropriate behaviour in preparation for secondary school. This year, alongside educational expectations, children will be developing their independence, leadership skills and demonstrating an appropriate role model to other years throughout the school. I am confident that children will rise to this challenge admirably. Parental help and support, in installing appropriate behaviour and helping to develop effective study habits, is essential and much appreciated.

Any queries or information to pass on can be via the school office - Julie.carter@littleaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471 – or at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mr Thomasson.
& Mrs Dallison

