



Sharks class update.



GET READY TO:
LEARN **see** DO
read **EXPLORE**
question **laugh** **GROW**
IMPROVE **smile**
try write **SHARE**
imagine **CONNECT**
DO YOUR VERY BEST

Our learning in November and December 2022:

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, the Battle of Britain 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, 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian links into our topic as it tells the story of a boy evacuated from London during the Blitz:



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) on a devastating night during the Blitz. In our final writing week, we will construct Christmas poems in the form of a cinquain (*sin-cane*).



Maths:

This half term continues to focus on the four operations followed by a unit on fractions:

- Using formal methods for division, including short and long division.
- Order of operations within mixed calculation problems.
- Add and subtract fractions and mixed number fractions.
- Multiply and divide fractions.
- 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 - handed out Mondays: completed for the following **Monday**.
- SPaG – handed out Wednesdays: completed for the following **Monday**.
- Spelling test: **Wednesdays**.
- 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**, the same as they would for a school day.



Dates for the diary:

- 31st October – Return to school
- 2nd November – M&M Theatre: Snow White
- 4th November – Individual School Photographs.
- 8th / 10th November – Parents Evenings.
- 9th December – Christmas Jumper day.
- 22nd December – Last day.

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@littleleaton.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, Mrs Rodgers, Mr Read

