

6th September 2019

Dear Parents/Careers

Welcome back to school and we hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday! We are all looking forward to an action packed first term in Lower Key Stage 2.

Please see below a summary of what the children will be working towards over the next term.

Curriculum:

Our topic this term is 'World War 1' where children will be studying life on the home front, life in the trenches, life in England with a focus on Witney and The Christmas Truce. In English we will be exploring the topic further by studying the following text: Stubby by Michael Forman, Where the Poppies Grow by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey, One Boy's War by Lynn Huggins Copper, Christmas Truce by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey.

In guided reading we will be reading War Horse by Michael Morpurgo.

PE:

Your child should have their PE kits in school each week.

Elder - **Thursday - outside**

Friday morning – Swimming kit

Willow – **Monday- outside**

Tuesday-REAL PE

Oak – **Monday-outside**

Tuesday – REAL PE

PE kits should be kept in the cloakroom for the duration of the week. Children **must have appropriate PE Kit** which should include black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms, white t-shirt and a black or navy jumper- not their school jumper.

For swimming children will need swimming costumes/trunks, towel and swimming hat.

Home Learning:

Each week, home learning will be sent out on a Friday and it must be returned the following Wednesday ready for marking. Homework this year will consist of spelling words and spelling activity, times tables and reading.

Spelling tests will be every Friday and children will be tested on their times tables weekly.

Children in year 4 are now required to take a statutory times tables test in the Summer term-more information will follow about this. It is important for children to have quick recall of all times tables facts.

Reading Diaries/Reading challenge:

Reading diaries need to be in school every day as your child will read to an adult during the week and their amount of reads will be checked weekly. To promote a positive attitude to reading, we have chosen

a list of books which are recommended for the age group, this can be found in the front of the children's homework books. We hope the children use this list as a means of broadening their reading experience.

Safeguarding:

If someone other than yourselves are picking your child up please tell the teacher, ring the office or hand in a written note to the teacher. We can't allow children to leave the grounds with an adult unless we are aware of the arrangement from you.

We run an open door policy, so please feel free to pop in and see us if you have an issue. We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Yours sincerely

Miss Cuthbertson, Mrs Wakeling, Miss Edwards and Miss Wise