



Year 5

Newsletter

Autumn 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope the children have enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready to make the most of every learning opportunity!

In Year 5, the learning will be centred around the topic of WW2; a bygone era that truly resonates with Thornaby's proud past and heritage. After all, our town, streets, landmarks and our school itself will forever be a reminder to an important time in our local and national history. This half term, we'll imagine what it was like to be evacuated and live with a family other than our own. Using different source materials, we'll learn about evacuation and write letters to our families 'back home'.

We'll plot the Second World War's events on a timeline and learn about rationing, Pearl Harbour and the Battle of Britain. From a range of maps, we'll identify safe and dangerous places during the war and make persuasive posters to support the war effort. From a range of sources, we'll find out about children and school during the war and learn about discrimination that existed at the time. We'll learn about what it was like during the Blitz and think about how soldiers might have felt. In D&T, we'll make Anderson shelters and cook delicious wartime food. At the end of the topic, we'll reflect on Winston Churchill's stirring speeches and write our own. We'll compose and perform wartime songs and create a presentation to show what we have learned.

READ FOR THE STARS!

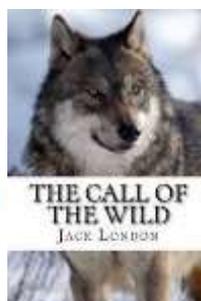
In school and at home, we continue to build upon our Bader reading initiative: 'Read for the Stars'. We encourage all parents to uphold a dedication to read with their child on a regular basis - ideally 5 times per week. With regular practice, the children will navigate their 'rocket' to the sun via the reading planets where they will eventually receive a free book of their choice and a certificate from Mr Hodgson!



PE

Children will have one weekly P.E. lesson as well as other daily physical activities. P.E. is an important part of your child's education and development; we aim to ensure that every child at Bader develops an understanding of how to keep themselves healthy and strong.

PE is on a Friday afternoon for Year 5. Please ensure that children bring correct kit every week. PE kit is a plain green t-shirt and plain shorts or joggers with appropriate trainers. Earrings must be removed for PE.



Home Learning

Reading will form a large part of home learning in Year 5. Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week (remember this will count towards your reading rocket challenge!)

Children will also receive spellings and times tables/number facts to learn and consolidate. Spellings will be given out every Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday. Children will be able to access 'Spelling Shed' - an online learning platform to practice spellings - at home if they have access to the internet. Other ***suggested websites for additional home learning include: Times Tables Rockstars, Reading Plus, Google Drive, Lexia Core 5, 'Hit the Button' (Maths), DKfindout, Kiddle.***

E-Safety

Safe and appropriate usage of the internet is of the utmost importance to us all. Therefore, we encourage parents and carers to continue *to be highly vigilant* when the children are using home devices. Children are taught, through assemblies and within the Computing curriculum, to recognise that they are responsible for their own 'digital footprint'.

Thank you in advance for all your support,
Mr Brown and Miss Alder