

Brixworth Class Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back to school, I hope you had a good rest and enjoyable summer holiday.

This term the majority of our work will centre around the theme of **World War II**, with many curriculum links, including History, Art, DT, English, Computing. As you are aware, expectations are now higher and therefore 100% commitment to learning is needed and we need children to arrive in school on time, ready to learn with regular attendance.

School Values - this term our focus will be on **Perseverance and Respect**.

Home Learning - Homework this year will consist of regular reading, spellings and times tables. It is essential that these basic skills are mastered and therefore I will not be giving out other forms of homework. Please ensure children are logging their reading in their planner with comments about authors' use of language, characters' actions and feelings and any recommendations for other readers. Spelling tests will take place on a **Friday** and times table tests will be every **Monday**. We will be organising a **Spelling Bee** each half term. (see separate letter)

We are still using **MyMaths** to enhance the children's learning and we ask that children use this resource at home, at least twice a week for 10 minutes. We have also subscribed to **TT Rockstars** and children should use this regularly to improve fluency of times table knowledge. Logons for both will be sent to you separately

Reading - We continue to need there to be a greater emphasis on comprehension and reasoning skills. Therefore, this will be the focus of some homework activities each week, for example book reviews, character and language studies, book recommendations, comparisons of books and/or authors. It is important that you discuss your child's book with them at least twice a week, to develop your child's skills further. I will be sending home a **reading challenge** for the year in the next few weeks to encourage children to read a variety of books by different authors.

PE P.E will take place on a **Wednesday and Thursday** this term. We will be focussing on **Tennis skills and Fitness, Gymnastics and Hockey**. Please, however, have P.E. kits in school at all times to cover any extra physical sessions that may take place. Children should have white or dark coloured trainers or plimsolls, not Converse or other high top trainers. Earrings should not be worn and long hair should be tied back. A named water bottle is also required.

Trips and Experiences - Stibbington Education Centre - 4th December (tbc)

Dates - Tuesday 18th September Parent Information meeting 3pm, Friday 28th September MacMillan Coffee Morning, , Friday 5th October Harvest Assembly 2.30pm, Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th October Parents' Evenings 3.40pm - 6pm, Friday 16th November Friends and Family Friday 3pm.

Extra Information

Although we have had a fantastic summer and it looks as if the weather is holding for a little bit longer, please ensure children have a coat in school as some morning playtimes are chilly until the sun comes through.

English

Reading and Comprehension
Skills
Letters and diaries
Newspaper reports
Persuasive writing
Spelling, Grammar and
Punctuation

Maths

Place value
Addition and Subtraction
Multiplication and Division
Statistics
Perimeter and Area
Finding rules and describing patterns
Diagram and visual puzzles
Mental maths strategies

Science

Seeing Light
Earth and Space

PSHE

New Beginnings
Getting on and falling out
Anti-bullying
British values
Democracy
Rules and Laws
Being part of Britain
Individual Liberty

Is it
right to
fight?

RE

People of God
Hinduism
Incarnation

Computing

We are
cryptographers
We are architects
Online safety

Geography & History

Events of the war,
rationing, evacuees,
celebrating the end of the
war, code breaking
Map skills - locating
countries of allies and
enemies
Locating evacuation
towns/villages

Art and Design

Propaganda posters
3D computer design
Cooking

French

Speaking and Listening
Intercultural understanding
Sentence Structure - written

Music

World War II songs

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Carpenter

Mrs Moss Mrs Kitchen