

October / November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! I hope you have all had a fantastic break and are now enthusiastic and ready to learn.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind about our Facebook page where we share all our exciting events and photos.

Our Topic for the next Half Term is: **WORLD WAR 1**



THIS WILL BE AN IN DEPTH HISTORY TOPIC EXPLORING LIFE IN BRITAIN AND THE IMPACT IT HAS HAD OUR WORLD TODAY.

During this history and rich language topic, we will be studying heritage poetry and exploring the emotional effects of the World War.

During art, we will be creating famous poppy field images using water colours.

In English we will be exploring a range of texts including classic heritage poems to work on our empathy and inference skills.

If you would like to support your child's Guided Reading, Their own copy of "Private Peaceful" would be beneficial in year 5/6 or a copy of "Poppy Field" by the same author for year 4.

Please see the attached [topic web](#) for further details of our study across all subject areas. All year groups will be looking at "Where the poppies grow" and "The Christmas Truce" picture books.

A few friendly reminders:

- Children are expected to **read every day** at home please, either to an adult or on their own. This needs to be signed daily in the reading record. Please question your child for comprehension using the VIPERS book mark. Training on reading VIPERS will be offered to parents later in the term.
- **Spellings** will be set on a Friday and tested on a **Thursday**
- **PE** will be on a **FRIDAY** so please make sure that they have their PE kit in school for this day. Thank you!
- **Homework** – will be set regularly with ongoing topic homework throughout the half term.
- **Music** – We are very fortunate to have Mrs Lee from Godshill at our school every Wednesday to teach music and prepare for assemblies and Christmas Productions using the school Piano.
- **Children need to be on the playground for 8.40am** please for learning in the classroom to commence at **8:45.**

Do let me know if you have any questions,

Mrs S Price

Dates For your Diary –

Tuesday 30th / Wednesday 31st October Parents Eve

Monday 5th November – Development Day

Monday 12th November – Remembrance History Day – Poppy face paint permitted.