

Dear Parents/Carers of Shoebill class,

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you all had a great break, and we're very happy to welcome you and your child into their new class. Our overall topic for the first half term is WWII. Many aspects of the curriculum will be linked to this topic.

**English**

The children will write their own historical flashback, letter and poem using a documentary, animation and art by Henry Moore. Our class text, which the children will use to develop both a range of reading skills and their understanding of WWII, will be *Letters from the Lighthouse*.

**Maths**

Our focus in Maths will be Number: determining place value, comparing and ordering, negative numbers, rounding and solving practical problems.

**Science**

Our scientific learning will revolve around investigating adaptation and evolution.

**Art/Music/Dance/Drama**

We will explore a variety of creative and expressive arts: we will create our own charcoal drawings based on Henry Moore's work; create a 3D Blitz skyline; listen to, repeat and create our music with different instruments; and use different types of drama to inspire our writing.

**History/Geography**

This autumn term we will be learning about World War II. We will explore this topic in lots of different ways.

**PSHME**

We will discuss and learn together more about online safety as well as actively nurturing our mental wellbeing

**RE**

Year 6 will further their global understanding through: learning about the Jewish faith and Judaism in the context of WWII; exploring life during WWII and locating countries involved in the Second World War.

**ICT**

Computing will have a focus on block coding and python.

**DT**

This will form part of our home learning project: children will design and create a WWII shelter.

**MFL**

Through a variety of activities, games and songs, children will practice new vocabulary and sentence structures on a number of topics including routines, travel, school, opinions and work.

**P.E.**

Shoebill Class will have PE each Tuesday, which will either be outdoor Netball or indoor Dodgeball, depending on the weather.



Please read with your child every day at home (10-15 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts.

Please ensure that their reading response books and book bags come to school in book bags **every day**.

**Shoebill PE days:**

Please come to school wearing appropriate clothing for PE each Tuesday (trainers, leggings/shorts/tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie).

**Year 6 Home learning:**

Each week, Year 6 work will be posted onto Itslearning. Maths and English tasks will change weekly and, in addition, there will be a half termly project due in the last week of the half term.

**Me Books**

Inside your child's Me Books, there will be a grid with nine tasks. Children will complete seven (one for each week of the half term), or all nine tasks. Me Books should be kept in reading bags and brought into school each day as we will be sharing them from time to time throughout the half term.

**Other Class Information:**

This term the children will have a visit from the history man to explore WWII through an interactive workshop.

