

EYNSHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families have enjoyed the Summer break. It is great to see the children settling into their new classes full of enthusiasm. They have returned sharing exciting memories about their time away from school and learning all about their individual personalities and interests has been extremely exciting and rewarding this week. The new school year has got off to a 'flying' start and we have all been really impressed with how ready, respectful and responsible the children are being in our classes. Despite the big change of moving into a new key stage and being with a new teacher, the children have responded with fantastic resilience and once again demonstrated how sensible, adaptable and courteous they are, making us extremely proud to be their new teachers.

What your child's year group will be learning this term:

World War II



In this history-led topic, the children will discover why Britain became involved in the Second World War and which countries were Allies and Axis throughout. They will investigate why and how the evacuation process worked for children and the effect that this had on both the children and their parents. Throughout the term we will also be exploring rationing, the role of women, Anne Frank's diary, propaganda, the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. The children will turn into secret agents and investigate how the workers at Bletchley Park worked on various missions, as well as the work Alan Turing did with the Enigma Machine. As part of this topic, we will be visiting Didcot Railway Centre where the children will take part in a 'WW2 Evacuation' day. The children will enhance their learning all about the evacuation to the countryside of school children during the war by experiencing it first hand – including the moving train carriage! The children will also get to experience a genuine air-raid shelter with wartime audio effects and explore a wide range of real-life artefacts.

Ways you can support your child's learning at home:

Reading - Thank you for all your continued home support with reading, we have been really pleased with the children's clear enjoyment of reading and motivation to read. Your child can use school books chosen from our class libraries or books from home if they prefer. Please can we ask you find time to share a book with your child at least 3 times a week and they can



record this in their new Reading Diary. When they record three reads at home within a week, they will receive a house point. Please remind your children to let us know when they have earned one and ensure to sign each read you have observed or listened to!

Maths – Every week, the children will be set a session on times table rock stars to complete. This will be a ten minute session to help them remain fluent with their tables. All children have their log in details in their reading diaries but if you have any problems logging in, please let us know.

Spellings – Children will be set a list of spelling words to learn each week. Words given will be a specific spelling pattern or common exception words. This year, this list of spellings will be set on Spelling Shed where we can monitor how much the children are practicing at home. The children will have exciting spelling sessions in class to reinforce the weekly word lists and a test each Wednesday. This will enable us to see which words are being retained by pupils and which words we need to revisit.

Forthcoming Trips and Visits:

Youlbury 2 night residential Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th October

Year 5 will be visiting Didcot Railway Centre on Wednesday 19th November - please remember your 1940s fancy dress!

Uniform List:

Navy blue crew neck sweatshirt (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain

Navy blue V necked cardigan, (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain

White or navy polo shirt, (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain

Grey school trousers or shorts,

Grey school skirt or pinafore dress,

Dark Navy gingham checked cotton summer dress,

Grey or navy tights, grey socks,

Black school shoes, no training shoes.

Coat of your choice.

PE:

Year 5 PE sessions will take place on Thursday and Friday each week. Children will need to have the following in school:

Navy logo PE shirt (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) – plain navy t-shirt if you prefer,

Navy logo hoodie (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) – plain navy hoodie if you prefer, Navy shorts, Navy jogging bottoms,

Training shoes.

Please ensure ALL items of clothing and shoes are clearly named, as this aids a swift return if items are lost.

Water bottles and snacks:

Children can have a named water bottle in school. This needs to be taken home every day to be washed out and refilled. We also recommend sending in a piece of fruit for break times; children get very hungry by lunch time if they have nothing to eat mid-morning.

Important dates for your diary:

Tuesday 9th September: Upper KS2 Parents Information Session (14:30)

Tuesday 16th September: Parents Information afternoon for Youlbury trip (3:15)

Wednesday 22nd October – Friday 24th October – Youlbury residential

Friday 24th October: Last day of half term

Monday 3rd November: Inset Day

Tuesday 4th November: Term 1 (second half) begins



Tuesday 11th November: Parents' Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Wednesday 12th November: Parents' Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Wednesday 19th November: Didcot Railway Evacuee Experience
Friday 19th December: End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come and let us know as soon as possible. We are really looking forward to working with you and your fabulous children this year.

Have a fantastic term,

Miss Freeman and Mrs Duan

