

# We CAN Do It! How did Britain rise up during WWII?



Year 5 Autumn Newsletter: Mrs Hart

A very warm welcome back to all Year 5 pupils and families! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer. The theme for this year is 'BRW Spirit Strong' and is underpinned by Ezra's quote of 'Rise up, take courage and do it'. Throughout this year, we hope to work with you to stimulate your children's imagination, ambitions, hopes and dreams! As your children are now in Upper Key-Stage-Two, I'm sure they are eager to take on the new responsibilities and challenges that come with it.

Throughout **RE** the children will be exploring their talents and gifts through the topic of 'Ourselves'.

They will also have a chance to look forward and consider their 'Life choices' and how to make the right choices whilst spreading the Good News.

The topic of 'Hope', just before Christmas, will allow the children to think about using our faith to hope and how to use our time wisely whilst waiting.

Our exploration of another World Faith– Judaism – will give us chance to consider the topic of Community and the communities we are part of.



**English:** Our class texts this term will be: Journey by Aaron Becker, Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian and Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling. Using these varied and exciting texts alongside the children's imagination, we will create original pieces of writing and poetry. There will be lots of discussion and group writing to ensure the children can confidently use the skills when asked to independently. As always, there will be a focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar to ensure Year 5 produce writing of the highest quality.

**Maths:** Year 5 will deepen their understanding of mental and written methods to ensure they have a range of ways to solve problems. We will focus on: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Measurement and Statistics. Throughout these topics, we will explore contextualised problems that will encourage the children's independence in maths so they become life-long mathematicians.

## Key Dates:

23rd September, 10:15am: Welcome Mass

7th October 2:30pm: Harvest Mass

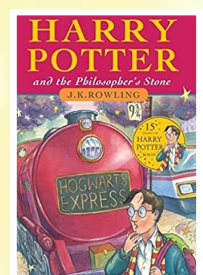
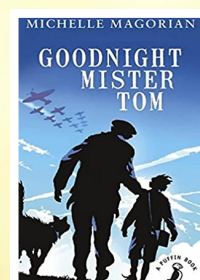
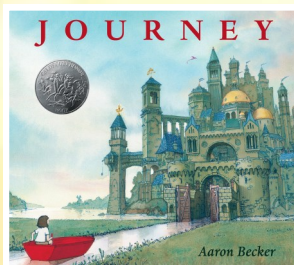
13th & 14th October: Parent Consultations

1st November: Inset Day

12th November, 9am: Year 5 Assembly

1st December, 5pm: Advent Celebration

15th December: Christmas Jumper Day & BRW Christmas Dinner



During **science** lessons, children will be explaining the life cycles of plants and mammals and how living things are classified. They will also be investigating how light and shadows are created and how light travels.

**History** will see Year 5 looking at WWII and have them understand key events such as: the origins of the war, the Blitz, evacuation, life on the home-front and VE day.

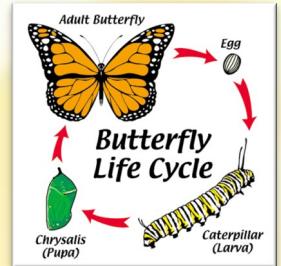
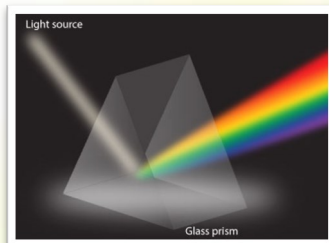
In **Geography**, we will be investigating the impact the widening of the A453 has had on our local area.

**DT** will allow us to design, create and evaluate our own WWII tanker using pulleys and gears. In **Art** we will take inspiration from Barbara Hepworth's sculptures by making our own sculptures inspired by landscapes.

In **PE** we will be developing our hockey skills and we also have swimming sessions. We also hope to spend some time at Glapton Woods to develop our confidence and respect for nature and the environment in our **Forest Schools** programme.

Year 5 will also be studying **French**, building up a basic vocabulary and essential conversation skills through singing and other interactive media.

In **Computing**, the children will be able to develop their understanding of internet safety and get creative using Minecraft.



#### Help from home!

1. Please check Homework diaries regularly for weekly information about your child's work and progress. Children's diaries will be checked and signed on **Monday** mornings to ensure reading is taking place at home. Your child must be filling this in every day with what pages they have read.
2. Children will be given homework each week on a **Thursday**. As Year 5s, they are encouraged to take responsibility for remembering to complete their homework, but they may need the odd reminder from someone at home to get it done! Homework is not something that should worry them and I will remind them that if they are ever struggling to complete a homework task, then they should come and see me.
3. It is very important that all children can recall their **number facts** quickly and correctly, so when possible please encourage your child to practise their **times tables** and **mental addition/subtraction** through TTRS, Mathletics and Numbots.
4. *"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go"*— **Dr. Seuss. Reading every day is essential.** Please discuss characters, themes, plots and ask for your child's opinions on the books they are reading; this will help with their success in English. Recording this information in their homework diary is extremely useful evidence of their reading.
5. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school **every day**. They need a suitable PE kit for both indoor and outdoor PE. Their outdoor PE kit should include a hoodie and something to keep their legs warm (gym leggings or jogging bottoms).
6. Children will be given a list of spellings each week on a **Thursday**. These will be tested the following Thursday. Please keep a check of these regularly. A useful way to practise spellings is to include them in interesting or funny sentences.
7. Your support this year will be crucial and I'd like to thank you in advance for your support over the coming term.