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### Year 5 & 6: Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second term of the school year. I hope you and your families enjoyed some quality time together during the half term break and that the children are well rested after a long term with lots of learning! Please see below for details of our learning for this term as well as a few reminders.

#### Invasion: Why Invade? (World War Two focus)

This term we will be learning about what Germany was like after the end of World War One and finding out about how this led to the rise of Hitler and the start of World War Two. As part of this we will be learning about the persecution of the Jews. To support us with this, we are reading *Once* by *Morris Gleitzman*, which is a fictional story about a young Polish Jew set in Poland in 1942. We are planning an experience day linked to World War Two 2 for later in the term with dressing up and rations cooking. A very exciting term!

#### PE

Our PE days this term will continue to be Thursdays and Fridays so please make sure your child comes into school on these days wearing appropriate clothing. Obviously the weather is still very changeable so please make sure they are dressed appropriately as PE is often outside, whatever the weather! A reminder of clothing expectations: **plain black** shorts/leggings/joggers; a plain white t-shirt or blue t-shirt with or without the school logo; a **black plain** sweat top or school sweat top or school fleece; daps or trainers (trainers are preferable as most PE activities will be outdoors).

#### Home Learning

I hope you are all enjoying our new approach to home learning. Our school subscriptions to Mathletics and Times Table Rock Stars allow me to tailor home learning to individual children to help them consolidate learning done in class. It is really worthwhile. More information will follow regarding weekly time expectations for this. We will also be sending home some spelling and grammar workbooks shortly.

#### Reading

The take-up for last year's reading challenge was not as high as in previous years so we have talked as a staff about a different approach this year. Mrs Milverton has been trialling this in the infants and we are now ready to roll this out across the school. From now on, please make sure you initial in your child's reading record every time they read at home. Reading records should be brought to school daily but will be checked on Fridays. Every child who has read at home five times during that week will receive a certificate to go home as well as a raffle ticket. We will then hold regular raffles to win book vouchers. Obviously, the more raffle tickets in the pot, the more chance of a prize!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me or to send me an email.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sarah Woodcock