**MIGHTY OAKS**

**CURRICULUM LETTER – FIRST HALF SUMMER TERM 2017**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

This half term we will be continuing with our topic: ‘The Battle of Britain – Bombs, Battles and Bravery’, which will include giving the children opportunities to write their own ‘air raid’ story and poems, as well as learn more about this period of history. In science we will continue our study of light, focusing (lovely pun) on the human eye, how it works and how we see colour.

**Maths/SPaG**

Revision

**IT**

The children will be using the internet to research WW2 and there will continue to be a focus on E-Safety.

**PE**

Our lessons will cover the skills relating to rounders and athletics. In gym the children will be creating floor routines.

**Spanish**

This half term the children are being given the chance to learn Spanish, led by Mrs Moran.

**RE**

**Daily reading**

Reading is the one of the most important and valuable activities you can do with your child. Sharing and taking pleasure in stories impacts on all other areas of a child’s learning and development. In class we read a range of books independently and together. In addition, Mrs James reads regularly to the children – currently our class book is ‘The Girl of Ink and Stars’ which the children are really enjoying.

Reading records are an important part of their learning and give your child the opportunity to develop their reading responses. It is essential that reading books and records are kept up to date and brought into school each day, in order that they can be checked regularly and rewards given for commitment to reading.

**Homework**

Spelling – Given out on Monday. Reinforced throughout the week. Tested on Friday.

All other homework - Given out on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday.

If your child has any problem with their homework it is important for them to inform us as soon as possible. There is also the opportunity for your child to attend homework club on Tuesday lunchtime, run by Mrs James.

Finally, as you know, our Year 6 will be facing some new assessments the week commencing 8th May. The children are working hard and should feel proud of their commitment to their own learning. We are supporting the children each step of the way and would just like to reinforce the fact that these tests are nothing to be worried about. We cannot ask any more of your children and hope that they see this as an opportunity to be recognised for all their effort.

During the week of the SATs we will be running a free breakfast club from 8:40am each day and we will also be organising a ‘treat’ for the Friday of that week. More details to follow.

As always, if you have any queries please do come and see us.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs James and Mr Gould