

## **MIGHTY OAKS**

### **CURRICULUM LETTER - SUMMER 2016**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

This term we will be continuing with our current topic 'The Battle of Britain – Bombs, Battles and Bravery', which will include researching the heroes and heroines of WW2 in order to write biographies. In addition the children will be writing their own 'air raid' story. In science we will continue our study of light, focusing (lovely pun) on the human eye, how it works and how we see colour. In art we will be making our own mini Anderson shelters.

#### **Maths/SPaG**

Revision

#### **IT**

The children will be using the internet to research their hero or heroine and we will continue to focus on E-Safety.

#### **PE**

Our lessons will cover the skills relating to tennis, rounders, athletics and cricket.

#### **French**

It is now a statutory requirement for junior children to learn a foreign language. As part of the Inspire curriculum, French is linked to the topic and will be taught by Mrs Hunt.

#### **RE**

Continuing our work on Christian beliefs and then studying the Jewish religion.

#### **Homework**

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

Rising Stars revision books for Year 6 - (set pages to complete). Given out on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday.

#### **Daily reading**

Reading is the one of the most important and valuable activities you can do with your child. Sharing and enjoying stories impacts on all other areas of a child's learning and development. However, at this stage children generally become more independent and as such should take increasing responsibility for their reading choices and responses. The key is ENJOYMENT! The reading records will continue to be 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 brought into school each day, in order that they can be checked regularly and rewards given

for commitment to reading. Reading forms a vital part of our end of year assessments and even after the SATS tests ensuring this level of reading is still vital.

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 which Mrs James will be running for Year 6 only.

Finally, as you know, our Year 6 will be facing some new assessments the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> 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. You received full details in a letter at the end of last term but if you need any more information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Also, dates for your diary – Leavers Assembly is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am. Also, Year 6 are taking part in a concert on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May with their Eukeles at the hall for Cornwall. Tickets are now on sale. We are on stage just before the interval. I will send a more detailed letter nearer the time, but it is vital that we have all the children in Year 6 there if possible.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs James and Mr Gould