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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

**MAIN LEARNING THEME** – *The Home Front*

The main focus for the learning during next term will be:

- How the war affected children and people at home.
- What life was like during World War Two, with a particular focus on Coventry.
- Evacuees during the war. Explain what happened to these children and use maps to show the locations of where children were sent.
- Describe and understand rationing during the war.
- Describe and understand what life at home was like including transport, jobs and school.

Key vocabulary for next term: evacuee, rationing, home front, war

**ENGLISH**

The children are taught English through either Literacy and Language or Read, Write Inc phonics. The Literacy and Language unit next term focuses on fantasy and information texts and a suggested reading list can be found below:

Man on the Moon      Simon Bartram  
Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets      Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross  
Aliens in Underpants Save the world      Claire Freedman & Ben Cort  
We're off to look for Aliens      Colin McNaughton  
Quick Let's get out of here      Michael Rosen & Quentin Blake

**READING**

Our thanks for your continued support with reading to and with your child at home. Each week, your child will be given 1 reading book which they can share with you at home. This will be changed weekly, and we would suggest bringing books in every day. Year 2 also have the opportunity to visit the library on these days, and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library. They will bring home 2 library books, and these will also be changed weekly.

**MATHS**

Next term, the children will be focussing on the following:

- Calculating – all four operations
- Shape
- Measurements – reading scales and measuring
- Number and number patterns
- Problem solving

Your child will continue to access Assertive Mentoring for Maths on a weekly basis, which is a programme that runs across the whole school. This will mean that your child will be in a small group to explore the skills needed to problem solve, calculate and use numbers quickly and easily.



## **PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT**

During next term, the class will work towards a street party to celebrate the end of the war!

## **HOME LEARNING**

Home learning in year 2 will consist of a weekly piece of both English and Maths skills. These will be given to the children on a Wednesday, to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Ideas for supporting your child are continuing to learn the 2, 5 and 10 times table, and using the Spelling log books to ensure that your child reaches the spelling success goal for the term.

The children are also invited to complete a half termly home learning project, however this is not compulsory. As the theme is *Home Front* ideas for this could include:

- Finding out about different planes
- Finding out about the army, navy and air force
- Finding out about the fashion of the time
- Making models of different transport

## **PE**

PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week, outdoor PE is weather dependent at this time of year, and **Tuesday** is indoor PE. However, we ask that the children bring in their complete kit (including plimsolls/trainers) on a Monday, and leave this at school until Friday. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (**by the child**) or covered with a plaster (**which must be supplied from home**).

Your child will require the following PE kit (**Clearly named**):

- Plain White T-Shirt
- Black/Grey Shorts
- Tracksuit for outdoor PE
- Socks
- Plimsolls/Trainers

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