



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to a new year!

Our topic this term will be based on the Crimean war. We will look at the events that took place, the changes the war made in Britain socially as well as key people in the war such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will read famous poems such as The Charge of the Light Brigade and use it to create first person recounts and stories. In science we will look at micro-organisms, changes in humans, the human life cycle and science investigation skills.

Homework

Your child has already been given a new Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic, for the entire term in advance.

Your children will have a weekly Maths task and a Literacy or creative task to complete. Where possible, Maths tasks will be graded with the star challenge, and children will choose which tasks they would like to take home to complete. There will be a weekly spelling test based on the spelling patterns and the words they expected to learn for their year. Spellings will be given out weekly for your children to practise at home.

In addition to weekly homework, we expect all children to:

- read daily (with an adult or independently)
- practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to 12 x 12

AK Star Badges

Every child in the school has been allocated a special star badge to recognise good learning behaviours.

Your child is working towards earning their badge, so please support them in this challenge.

To be awarded their badge by Mrs Saville, they need to demonstrate the following:

- regular use of Mathematics;
- regular home reading;
- listening well;
- not talking over others;
- challenging themselves;
- perseverance;
- making good learning choices;
- independent learning;
- trying their best with spellings;
- being ready to learn.

General Reminders...

- Both classes will have PE this term on Thursday afternoon which for Year 6 will be taught by Mr Tanner. The Year 5s will have swimming at Cirencester Leisure Centre on Thursday afternoons and will get **3:45pm**. It is essential that children have a full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle. The Year 5s will need a swimming kit and towel. If they don't have their kit, they won't be able to take an active part in the lesson. If appropriate, your child may have a roll-on antiperspirant deodorant in their PE bag too (no aerosols please).
- Both classes have two Forest School sessions timetabled this term: Year 5 will be on the 11th January and the 1st February. Year 6 will have the 4th January and 31st January. Please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for these lessons.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Miss Thomas

Miss Perring

Subject	Year 5	Year 6
Themes	The Crimea	The Crimea
Christian Value	Value in focus: courage	Value in focus: courage
English	Stories from differing viewpoints Flashback stories Biographies Diary Writing	Stories from differing viewpoints Flashback stories Biographies Diary Writing
Maths	Fractions and decimals	Percentages Decimals Measures
Science	Micro-organisms Changes in humans Human life cycle Science investigation skills	Micro-organisms Changes in humans Human life cycle Science investigation skills
Computing	Excel Presentations with Prezi	Presentations with Prezi Coding
History	The Crimean War	The Crimean War
Geography	n/a	n/a
R.E.	Christian- The Trinity	Christianity- belief and meaning
Art & Design	Art skills	Art skills
Design Technology	n/a	n/a
P.E.	Swimming at the Leisure Centre on Thursday afternoons.	Games – Mr Brown
Music	Singing techniques	Singing techniques
P.H.S.C.E.	Healthy bodies, healthy minds- drugs	Healthy bodies, healthy minds- drugs
French	Winter	Winter
Wow Events	Year 5 class assembly Tuesday 29 th November	
Community Links	n/a	n/a
SMSC development	Spiritual development activities	Spiritual development activities
Other Dates	Wednesday 11 th January - Forest School Wednesday 1 st February - Forest School	Wednesday 4 th January- Forest School Tuesday 31 st January- Forest School