

Class Five Newsletter

Welcome back to the final term in Year 6! I hope that you have had an enjoyable Easter and you're back and ready for the hard work to begin!

This letter contains information about our topic for this Summer term, alongside the basic classroom organisation, homework days, P.P.A. times and cover, timetables and P.E. days.

My classroom door is always open and if there is anything that you would like to discuss I am available before and after school each day, face to face or at the end of a phone.

What will we be learning about this term?

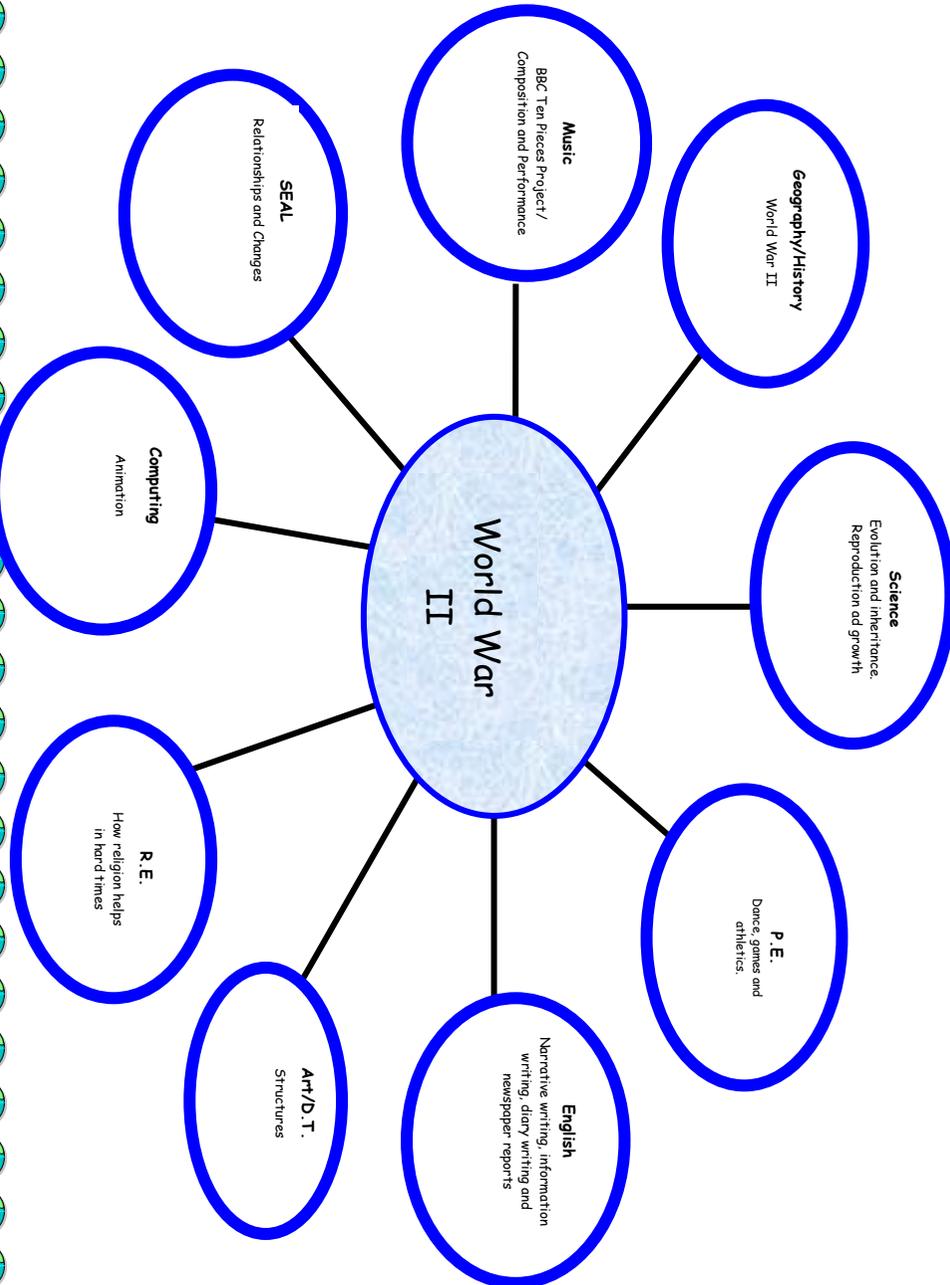
Below is a brief summary of some of the things the children will be learning about this term. You will also find a topic overview at the end of this newsletter.

Literacy

The children will continue to study the text 'Thief' during the first half term and this will be a basis for most written work. Following this, we will use texts based on World War II to enhance children's cross curricular learning. The children will have an opportunity to complete some longer, sustained narrative writing and develop their skills in drafting their work. They will develop skills in a range of writing genres, including poetry and non fiction.

Reading

Almost all of our reading in school is now done through guided reading, although there will still be some individual reading done. In the lead up to S.A.T.s, the children will be developing comprehension skills and using practise papers in preparation for the assessments. After S.A.T.s, children will develop more analytical skills through reading longer texts.



Maths

As in English, the children will follow objectives from the National Curriculum, relating to their age and ability. We will have a daily focus on the Key Instant Recall Facts (K.I.R.F.s), more information about these is sent home each half-term. You can help your child at home by carrying out some of the activities on the sheet. We will



also be covering place value, calculation, shape, measuring and handling data.

We would encourage you to continue using Mathletics 3 to 5 times a week. Some of our children are well on the way to achieving a Gold Certificate which is a great achievement and is celebrated in school during Friday's assembly. Mathletics certificates will be presented on Friday as well as the trophy for "Mathlete of the Week"!

Topic

The whole school topic is World War II. We will be learning about the causes and consequences of the war and in particular how children were affected. Children will find out about important places, people and events and will develop their analytical skills by considering the impact of the war and why it is such a significant part of British and world history.

Science

During the first half term, children will study the effect of gravity and drag forces. We will investigate the transference of forces in gears, pulleys, levers and springs. After half term, we will learn about inheritance and evolution. Children will look at resemblance in offspring, changes over time for animals and the human skeleton, and how adaptation is linked with evolution. As part of this topic, children will look at reproduction in plants and animals, and human growth and changes.

P.E.

This term, P.E. lessons will be led by Mr Sims (Premier Sports Coaching) and will take place on Friday afternoons. It is useful if your child keeps their P.E. kit in school, especially their trainers, just in case we get any extra sessions or have to change our day. We will be going out for some sessions so make sure they have suitable clothing for inside and out.

Please could inhalers remain in your child's bag so that they can access them when needed and could all freshly pierced ears be covered with tape to protect them during the activities. Earrings must then be removed for all P.E. activities.

Who is teaching and when?

Miss Richards will teach full time, apart from Friday afternoons when Mr Sims will teach P.E. All children will continue to be supported in class each morning by our teaching assistant, Mrs Free.

Homework and Spellings

In Class 5, spelling homework will be given on a Monday to be completed for the following Monday. When children's spelling is assessed, teachers will dictate sentences that include previously learnt words in sentences appropriate for each child's ability. The whole sentence will be assessed; handwriting and punctuation as well as spelling. This models real writing as children must hold whole sentences in their head rather than words from a list.

Until S.A.T.s, homework will be set from revision books. Maths homework will be set on a Thursday to be handed in the following Wednesday, English or S.P.A.G. will be set on a Friday, for the following Thursday.

After S.A.T.s, the children will continue to receive some homework, although this may come in a variety of forms and will less pressure than the work children have done at home so far. For example, they may be asked to research a topic, complete a small project or do a Maths puzzle.

This is a very special term for the children in Year 6 and I hope they continue to work hard and enjoy their remaining time here at Elvington.

Miss Richards and Mrs Free