



LEARNING LETTER

Mr Grafton's Class - Year 5/6

Supported by Mrs Hopkinson, Mrs Dutton and Mrs Morrell
Autumn Term 1 - 2022



CURRICULUM

We kick off the new school year with a history topic. Over the next seven weeks, the children will be answering the question: 'What helped win The Battle of Britain?' The topic will begin with a look at the school's new history timeline in the hall, where the class will see when the Second World War took place. It will also allow them to recap previously studied history. The topic will allow the children to learn in depth about the events that led to The Battle of Britain, and the series of decisions and actions that eventually enabled Britain to defend its island. To help bring the topic alive, the class will be travelling to the Imperial War Museum Duxford. This is the site of an airfield that was attacked during the battle. The children will see actual Spitfire and Hurricane planes, and learn about the stories of the pilots who flew these fighter aircraft. The class reader for the term is 'The Machine Gunners' by Robert Westall. The story, set shortly after the Battle of Britain, features children who find a crashed German aircraft with a machine gun.



SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

Topic homework - There will be a choice of projects linked to The Battle of Britain for the children to choose from.

Reading homework - The minimum expectation is that all children achieve bronze each half term on Reading Olympics. This means that children need to read at least 10 times. Ideally, children will read more than this at home, and achieve silver, gold or even platinum. I will also be encouraging children to read a more varied set of books this year to help broaden their reading. Hopefully, they will be taking a mixture of fiction and non-fiction titles, and stories by a range of authors (old and new). Please support your children by listening to them read, and discussing what they have read to help keep them engaged with their reading.

Maths homework - Homework will be sent weekly for maths. If your child still has times table facts to memorise, please help them to learn by firing questions at them at any opportunity.

GENERAL REMINDERS

PE is on Tuesday and Friday. The Friday lesson is swimming for Y5 and regular PE for Y6. Children should wear the correct PE kit on these days.

This term, our school value focus is '**Pride**'. Children have the opportunity to demonstrate this each day in the way that they present their work, and the way they carry themselves around school.

