



SAINT JOHN'S

Wednesday 4th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. We hope you enjoyed a great summer and are now refreshed and ready for a new school year.

Our topic this term is called 'World War 2' and the curriculum areas we will focus on this term are included overleaf. Special classroom events planned for the term include a trip to Winchcombe for an evacuation experience on Wednesday 9th October – more details to follow.

Upcoming school events you should be aware of can be found on the school website and the newsletter.

PE sessions are on Tuesday and Friday, however, we sometimes have extra sessions provided by external trainers at short notice so please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit (indoor and outdoor) in school every day.

Over the course of the year we will be studying texts which have accompanying films e.g. Spiderwick Chronicles. This is a good opportunity for the children to discuss the interpretation of characters by different people and to observe how reading a book can be a very different (often better) experience than watching the film. Some of these films are rated PG so please could you return the slip at the end of this letter stating whether you do or do not give your child permission to watch PG films.

Homework

Children are expected to read at least twice throughout the week at home and complete their diary with a parent's signature. Children who do not read at least twice a week at home are kept in for extra reading. Please try and discuss the reading with your child by asking them questions such as how they think the character was feeling and what they think is going to happen next. This develops their comprehension skills and will impact their progress.

Homework will be given out on a Monday and will usually include a spelling activity and a maths activity. Homework needs to be handed in on Friday but may be handed in earlier if completed. At times, ActiveLearn/TTRockstars will be set online – for those children without internet access at home there is a homework club running on Thursday lunch times for any children who require help to complete their homework or would just prefer to complete it in school. If your child fails to hand their homework in on time then they will be required to attend homework club the following week to catch up.

A weekly list of spellings will be given to each pupil to learn. Spellings will be given out on a Friday for a test the following Friday.

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Project

The children are invited to create a project about an area of World War 2 that interests them. This could be:

- A model of an Anderson Shelter
- The diary of an evacuee
- Recipes for wartime meals
- A multimedia presentation

Please bring to school by the **Friday 6th December.**

Due to the success of Class Dojo last year, we are continuing to use it as a method of communication this year. It may take a few days to transfer the data across accounts but hopefully this will be up and running soon.

If you have any questions or concerns then please don't hesitate to come in for a chat or to make an appointment for a meeting. The best time to reach us is at the end of the school day.

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to a great term!

Yours sincerely,

Hope Sanders and Ellie Jones

Child's name:..... Class:.....

I give permission for my child to watch a PG rated film in school.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

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