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Mallard Class – Year 4 and 5 – Learning Overview for Parents Autumn Term 2 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good and well-rested half term break. This half term our topic will be 'Who should we remember?'. Our learning will be focused on the First World War, it's causes and how the events from the war had a drastic change to the world. As a class we will look at why it is important to remember those who have fought in wars and how they have made an impact.

Our School Week

Your child's teacher for this term will be Miss Barnett. Mrs Townsin will be assisting the class on a Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons. On a Thursday, the children will have an afternoon PE session with a sports coach. These sessions will be held outside - please make sure your child has their full kit with them, including a spare pair of socks for girls if they are wearing tights.

Reading Books

Reading books will be sorted out within the first week back at school. Please could you support us by reading with your child as often as possible, ideally daily. Please sign your child's home reading record each time your child reads at home, adding the page number so that we know where to pick up from when your child is reading in school. Please talk to your child about what they have read so they can show their understanding of the text. In school, we will teach the strategies that enable your child to read for meaning but the more your child practises these skills out of school, the more confident they will become. If your child has finished their book and has not had it changed, please take the opportunity to listen to them reread it.

Homework

Initially, the children will only have spellings to learn each week, and these will be tested every Friday. Spellings tests will be recorded in books which will be sent home every Friday, so that you can track your child's results each week, and practise any that your child got wrong. Times Tables tests will recommence once we have assessed the children. If you would like to support your child's mental maths skills, please help them to continue to practise the times tables facts.

The children will also be having their 'Pick n Mix' homework, which is to be handed in on a Monday.

Water bottles

We encourage the children to drink water often in class. Please send your child to school with a full water bottle each day. It is important that water bottles are filled before the children come to school, so that we have plenty of time for our morning tasks.





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The children are welcome to refill their bottles if they finish them before home time. Please ensure your child takes their water bottle home at the end of each day to be washed, and do not send your child in with any fruit squash - on the one hand, when spilt, it can cause damage to children's books but there is also evidence that drinking squash from water bottles can cause damage to developing teeth and gums.

As ever, I very much appreciate your support as we work together to develop your child's learning but if you have any concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you need to get in touch, please use your child's reading record or email or telephone school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Barnett

