

**MILTON ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
CAMBRIDGE**

January 2010

Dear Parents,

Happy New year to you all! We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas, despite the cold weather, and that your children are returning to school ready for the hard-working term ahead.

Duxford Trip

On March 18th year 6 will be evacuated to Duxford! We hope that the children will enter into the spirit of the event by wearing World War 2 clothing; more details to follow shortly.

Curriculum Information

Literacy:

Most of our Literacy work this term will be centred around an extended narrative based on the experiences of an evacuee in World War 2. Your child may be bringing home first draft or neat copies to complete; we very strongly advise the children not to fall behind with these tasks, as there are several chapters in the novel!

Other Literacy units covered will include autobiographical writing, balanced arguments, radio interviews and formal writing, including letters of complaint and invitations.

Each class will also read a class novel and take part in group guided reading and writing sessions in small groups.

Numeracy:

Thank you for all your help last term in making sure that your children are fluent with tables facts. We will be making use of these in solving real-life problems and number puzzles, as well as brushing up on skills such as division and multiplication involving decimals and hundreds, tens and units.

Science:

Adaptations and food chains;
Life cycles of plants and animals;
Parts of a plant;
Micro-organisms.

RE:

We will be studying Judaism in RE.

PSHCE:

For the first half term, the SEAL unit will be 'Going for Goals'. After half term, this will change to 'Our World'.

French:

We will be continuing to work from the 'Early Start' French 2 scheme, looking in particular at Weather, Time and numbers from 40-200.

ICT:

The children will be doing a lot of word-processing in connection with their stories! We will also be familiarising them with the use of the 'Starz' learning platform.

History:

Our topic this term is 'Children in World War 2'. We shall be learning about the Home Front in particular, and the children will be encouraged to interview relatives and friends who were children during the Second World War.

Design and Technology:

The children will be making bread pudding, and having a go at 'Make do & Mend' knitting- any spare wool and large needles you can send in would be greatly appreciated.

Music:

We will be looking at 20th century popular music styles, including World War 2 songs.

Art:

Our term's unit is based on representations of the human body, looking at proportion, quick sketches and the use of colour and symbols made by a range of artists.

Games/PE:

The children will be studying a gymnastics unit on 'Holes and Obstacles', and country dancing towards the end of the term.

Outdoor games will include hockey and tennis (sic.).

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Please ensure that P.E. kits are named! Also your child will need a tracksuit for outdoors in cold weather.

Homework:

Please continue to remind your child to bring their homework diary to school every day, and to record all reading and homework in it. There will continue to be a piece of maths homework set each week, and also another piece, usually linked to our current topic.

As we have previously stated, please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns about your child's learning.

Yours sincerely,

Miss G Wild & Mrs S Thompson