



WHITMORE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers of children in Year 5

We would like to inform you of the subject areas which will be covered in this term and thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Literacy

This term children will retell an extract from *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo from different characters' points of view. In the second half of the term children will write a newspaper report informing the reader about a recent event linked to our connected curriculum topic on World War 2.

Numeracy

This term year 5 will be focusing on using formal written and mental methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Year 5 will learn to use imperial measurements and converting measures. Throughout the term children will be developing their reasoning skills when solving problems, individually and as a group.

P.E.

This term there will be a focus on net/court/wall games. Children will develop striking skills from overhead, forehand and backhand positions. Also learning how to strike the ball after one bounce or to volley the ball.

Music

Children will learn to sing songs and listen to music about habitats, materials and World War Two. They will learn to use their voice, sounds, technology and instruments in creative ways. Children will learn to sing and play the ukulele, maintaining an appropriate pulse.

Art and Design

This term children are going to use the work of War Artist Henry Moore to help inform their own artwork. Children will learn how to use the grid method to help them produce an artist study of his work. Children will move onto use their sketchbooks to explore different effects that can be produced using watercolours E.g. Wax resist. Children will then combine all their techniques to produce their own artwork based on Moore's Tube drawings.

Connected Curriculum

During the autumn term we will be learning about World War 2 and in particular, the Coventry Blitz. Children will be given the opportunity to take part in a real-life Blitz experience at Coventry Cathedral.

I.T

Children will continue to learn coding, continuing their work from year 4.

Science

This term children will be learning about properties of materials. Children will learn about reversible and irreversible changes and why materials are used.

R.E. and Philosophy

Children will start to learn philosophy skills in preparation for RE and philosophy lessons in the Spring Term.

PHSE

This term's first topic in PSHE focuses on managing complex and conflicting emotions. The second topic for this term will focus on healthy choices & behaviours.