



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term we had in Year 5 before the Easter holidays. We continued with our 'Peace in our time?' topic where we learnt about WW2 and about lives in the 1940s. The children produced some stunning outcomes including a short film telling the story of Wilding and Andrew and how they saved Wallingford. This was entered in to the local film festival. They also produced artwork, letters and diary entries as well as other brilliant pieces of work. Thank you to those who came to our open morning at the end of the term and to all those who helped with our topic, whether that was by helping on a school trip, coming in to talk to the children or supporting them at home with their homework tasks.

Our topic this term is called 'Born to Dream'. We will start the topic by learning about inspirational people such as Nelson Mandela, Marie Curie, the Wright Brothers, Stephen Hawking and many others who have had a significant impact on the world and/ or more local communities. During this topic we will also be thinking about what the children are interested in, what they would like to be when they are older and what they will need to do to get there. I will, of course, stress to the children that they may not know what their aspirations are (they are only 9 or 10 after all), however, we will start to think about the vast number of jobs and career opportunities that are out there for them. We will also think about what skills and strengths the children already have and how these may support them in the future.

During the topic we will also study different artists such as Kapoor, Gormley, Hurst and Hockney. We will learn about their different styles and recreate our own Art using what we learn about the artists. We will also be holding a Careers Fair which we did for the first time last year with great success. The event involves the children talking to as many people as possible, in the time allocated, about their careers/ jobs/ volunteer work etc. The children will be able to ask questions such as what the adult's job involves, what training they had to do, why they do it, what is the best thing about their job etc. Please look out for more information about this in the next few weeks and let me know if you are able to help!

P.E kit

For PE, the children should have, in a named PE bag, the following items: a plain white t-shirt, a pair of blue or black shorts, a pair of blue, grey or black joggers, a blue, black or grey sweatshirt, and a pair of sports trainers (not Converse type shoes please!) Children with earrings will need to remove them independently for all PE sessions – a little container to keep them in would be useful on PE days. It is best if the children bring their P.E. kit in on a Monday and take it home on a Friday as we may have to change P.E. days due to other events some weeks.



Clarinet

We are continuing to have our clarinet lessons on a Wednesday so please help the children remember their clarinets for the lesson. Please encourage them to practise their clarinet at home to support the learning they have done in the music lessons.

Homework reminder

The children all have homework books where their homework will be stuck each week. There may be occasions where they get different homework, however, this is the usual expectation:

Reading	15-20 minutes at least 4 times a week	I usually check their reading journals daily so please ensure they have them at school every day.
Grammar homework	There is an increasing demand on the children's knowledge and using/ applying grammar and punctuation. To support the work done in class, the children will be getting grammar homework on a weekly basis.	Due in on a Wednesday.
Maths	Various Maths sheets/ activities on a weekly basis	Due in on a Wednesday.
Spelling	From the KS2 curriculum list and relevant spelling patterns	Usually set on a Friday for a quiz on the following Friday with activities during lessons throughout the week.

Forest School

Our Forest School day will continue to be on a Friday, as will Football with Oxford United so please ensure children have the correct kit on this day.

Helping Out in Year 5

We really welcome any offers of help to support our learning in Year 5, especially with reading. Please do not feel you have to come in every week if you volunteer, just turn up as and when you can and I will allocate you children to listen to. We also need occasional help when we go out on local trips. Please come and speak to me if you can help – we will really appreciate it!

Please do not hesitate to come and talk to me if you have any questions or concerns or send me an email via the office email account – office.2567@st-johns.oxon.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Colbourne and Mrs Brotherton