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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed the Half Term break. It is lovely to see the children returning to school recharged with energy and enthusiasm. We are really looking forward to the term ahead and all the festivities to come.

This half term, we will be studying, '**A child at War project**.' A siren sounds and a Spitfire zooms overhead! It's 1939 and Britain is at war. We'll imagine what it was like to be evacuated and live with a family other than our own. Using different source materials, we'll learn about evacuation and write letters to our families 'back home'. We'll plot the Second World War's events on a timeline and learn about rationing, Pearl Harbour and the Battle of Britain. From a range of maps, we'll identify safe and dangerous places during the war and make persuasive posters to support the war effort. After reading an extract from *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank, we'll write our own diaries. From a range of sources, we'll find out about children and school during the war and learn about discrimination that existed at the time. We'll learn about what it was like during the Blitz and think about how soldiers might have felt.

In D&T, children will learn about the 'Make Do and Mend' Campaign introduced by the government in 1943, encouraging people to recycle and repurpose old clothes and materials. Throughout this topic, children will be taught a range of simple sewing stitches, which they will use to sew material.

We will continue with our study novel, '**Goodnight Mister Tom**,' by Michelle Magorian. The story is set during World War II and follows a young boy called William, who is sent away from London to the countryside as part of the wartime evacuation. Having been treated very badly at home, William finds himself in the care of Mister Tom, a lonely and rather grumpy old man at times. As William settles into his new surroundings, he discovers a new life filled with kindness, friendship, love and care.

In **Science,** the children will consolidate their understanding of the components that make up a circuit, such as a lamp, cell, wire and switch. They will make a range of circuits and use symbols to draw circuit diagrams. Children will learn about electric currents and measure the voltage of different cells. They will discover how cells produce electricity and research questions about cells and batteries. They will also learn how the voltage across a circuit affects the performance of different components.

In **R.E**, our key question will be, 'What is the significance of Karma and Moksha for a Hindu?' Children will explore a range of Hindu stories to build an understanding of how they can inspire Hindus to make good choices. They will learn how dharma is a way of life for Hindus and how the five daily duties link to it. Children will also find out about how far the goal of moksha inspires Hindus to achieve good karma.

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HOMEWORK:

Homework will be set on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We endeavour to mark the following morning; however, sometimes (due to lessons overrunning) we may end up marking everything at the end of the week. Email us if there are any problems with any homework set.

READING:

As always, **daily reading** is an essential part of any child's learning, not only will it develop their language, thus improving their writing, but also it supports children's knowledge and development of punctuation. 15-20 minutes a day is sufficient and perhaps encouraging your children to read as part of their night-time routine would guarantee consistent reading.

PE:

This term, PE is on a Tuesday afternoon. Swimming will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon. Children should come to school dressed for sports on a Tuesday.

CONTACT:

Mrs Merry (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) or Mr Heffernan (Thursday and Friday) if you have any questions or need support with anything.