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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below details of the work that your child's class will be doing during this term. We have also suggested ways in which you can help your child at home. Included with this information you will also find an overview of how we deal with behavioural issues in school.

Thank you for your support,  
Miss Sneade and Mrs Byrom

Class: Year 5

Term: Autumn

Theme: Beacons of Hope

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Main areas of study:	<p>During the Autumn term, our topic is Beacons of Hope, which focuses on the Second World War. To start the term, we will focus on the Swansea Blitz and the effects had on our local area. We will engage in a drama production where pupils will watch, learn and become members of our local area during WW2.</p> <p>In <b>Languages, Literacy, and Communication</b>, the pupils will create a persuasive propaganda poster, write evacuee letters, and create a story based on the war. Our class novel will be 'Letters to the Lighthouse' which will be the focus of many of our lessons. We will also develop our spelling and grammar and the children will complete a spelling test every Friday.</p> <p>In <b>Maths &amp; Numeracy</b>, the pupils will learn about place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, division, and multiplication). Please support your child if possible with these areas of learning.</p> <p>Pupils will focus on statistics and data handling within our topic and will learn to handle money and budget during their enterprise Poppy making project.</p> <p>In <b>Humanities</b>, the pupils will learn about the effects of war locally, nationally and internationally. We will be undertaking map work, timelines of events, learning about the countries and their leaders involved, and how rationing and evacuation took place. We will also be learning about a range of religious festivals including; Harvest, Black History Month, Diwali and Armistice Day. To commemorate Remembrance Day, pupils will design, make and sell a range of poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion.</p> <p>In <b>Science and Technology</b>, the pupils will learn about light, sound, and energy. The pupils will investigate shadows and how light and distance affects them. For our Design Technology project, pupils will design and create working lighthouses. Pupils will also create and sort databases, create spreadsheets using formulae and use Minecraft for Education to build Anderson Shelters.</p> <p>In <b>Expressive Arts</b>, the pupils will complete various pieces of art, participate in drama activities, and will undertake lessons based on digital film and media.</p> <p>In <b>Health &amp; Well-being</b>, the pupils will be developing their empathy skills throughout a range of topic-based lessons and book related activities.</p>
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	Our PE slots are on a Wednesday and pupils are expected to wear appropriate PE kit. This term we will be taking part in a range of gymnastics lessons for the first half term before undertaking dance lessons in the second half term. We will be performing war dances to our classes as part of our VE day celebrations.
Ways in which you can help at home:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Please listen to your child reading at home every night (a Reading Diary is provided for you to make comments).</li> <li>▪ Visit the local library to choose books relevant to topics being studied at school.</li> <li>▪ Please make sure that your child logs in to TT Rockstars and that they practise their times tables.</li> <li>▪ Support your child in practising their spellings and tables for their tests every Friday</li> </ul>
Ways you can help us?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Do you have any expertise in this area and would like to share it with us?</li> <li>▪ Do you have any artefacts, photos or interesting objects we could use?</li> </ul>

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