



Harwell Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a nice Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine. It is so nice to be back with the year 2s full time this term; I have really missed them!

We will be continuing the topic of WWII for this term. I know the children found it very interesting with Mr King and I am looking forward to hearing all about what they got up to. We will be looking at the geography side of WWII more in the coming weeks, where it took place and the countries that were involved or not involved and learning about these countries. As well as this, we will be looking at Harwell as our local area and the involvement of it in the wartime and what the surrounding areas were like. Please rest assured that just like last term, everything will be done at an age appropriate level. If you would like further information on what we will be covering this term, please see the termly plan which will be uploaded on to the school website. Our outcome for this term will be on Tuesday 25th May. We are not sure how this will look yet as it will depend on the government restrictions so I will provide further details and timings of this closer to the time once we have some more information.

Swimming will start again this term and will be on a **Tuesday morning**, which will start on **Tuesday 20th April** in the school pool. Please make sure your child has their swimming trunks/costume, a towel, a **named** swimming hat and goggles (if you have already authorised the use of goggles with the school office or myself. If you haven't and you would like your child to wear them, please do this as soon as possible). Earrings will need to be taken out and put back in by the children themselves or removed before coming to school for swimming. If for any reason you don't want your child to swim, please let the office know or send them in with a note to excuse them.

We will continue to do PE on a **Monday** afternoon. For ease, please send your child to school in their PE kit on a Monday morning. They will stay in their PE kit all day. Our PE lessons will be outside (weather permitting) so the children will need to be in their outdoor kit (navy or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, trainers) and will need a jumper if it is cold. Please make sure that all children with long hair have their hair tied up on a Monday and any ear piercings are either covered with a plaster or removed before coming into school.

We will be continuing to have a PSHE (personal, social, health, emotional) lesson weekly and this term they will focus on relationships. We will be discussing and learning about family relationships, friendships, keeping safe, working through and resolving conflicts, secrets, trust and appreciation. As always, all of the lessons will be at an age appropriate level.

I will be setting spelling homework on a **Monday** each week which will be due in on a **Friday**. We will practice the spellings from the homework each Friday in school, so it is important that your child has completed these. I will also set activities on My Maths on a **Friday** for the week for the children to have a go at and work through at home. If you would like your child's login information for My Maths, please do let me know and I can provide you with these.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home at least 3 times a week for 10 minutes or more, to an adult, sibling, friend or even a teddy. Please sign your child's reading record book when they have read, even if it wasn't with you. The staff will also listen to children read at different times during their time in school which will be recorded in their reading records, so it is important that they come into school and go home at the end of the day, every day.

If you are able to spare any time to come in and read with the children this term that would be greatly appreciated, please let me know and we can arrange this.

As always, thank you all for your ongoing support with anything that I ask, it is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Miss Longworth and the Year 2 team