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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a great Christmas and Happy New Year!

Although this term is quite short, we have a lot planned!

Firstly, the children will be looking at two project areas - World War II and Local Environmental Issues. During the former, we will be learning about some of the main events of the time: life at home, key characters and life in Nazi Germany, focusing on the Ghettos and Anne Frank. The mini project homework project will be linked to Anderson Shelters, whilst maths and English homework will be sent out weekly. The Local Environment Issues will be more geography based with the children exploring different maps to become more familiar with their surrounding. There will be opportunities to discuss and debate the planned Melton ring road and the human and environmental benefits of it. Most of the science will be linked light, sound and classification, life cycles and sexual and asexual reproduction of plants. We are hoping to visit a garden centre to look at the latter with an expert. We will also be designing and making 3D flowers.

RE ('Belonging to a Hindu faith' and 'How faith helps to make decisions'), French (Festivals, Weather and Directions), PE (Netball -outside -please make sure your child has appropriate, warm, outdoor clothing) and circuit training linked to WWII., PSHCE (Democracy and 'Say No to bullying') and computing (writing algorithms to create shape art and networks).

Homework will be weekly spellings, reading (independently and discussion with an adult) and two activities set on a Friday. Please ensure the latter is done thoroughly and neatly - it is an essential aspect of your child's education. As you might have heard, times tables are a focus with the government at the moment. At AHS we have always understood the significance of them and encourage their learning/revision weekly.

During English, the class will be writing for a variety of purposes: to persuade, entertain (narrative, poetry and playscripts) and explain. Grammar and spelling will be taught through these genres and will include the power of the passive voice, cohesive devices, homophones and antonyms and punctuation marks such as colons, semi colons, dashes and brackets. I am very much look forwarding to seeing what inspirational ideas the children will dress in for our **'Historical Book Week'**.

Due to the changes in the National Curriculum, we still have a great deal of maths to cover: calculations with fractions, ratio, trigonometry and algebra. Any experts out there will be most welcome to come in and help! We will be covering Roman Numerals during History and using scales/ratios to measure out weights of ingredients to make a smoothie at the end of the term.

As always, if you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to pop in and speak to me.  
Mrs Bailey

