

Asfordby Hill Primary School

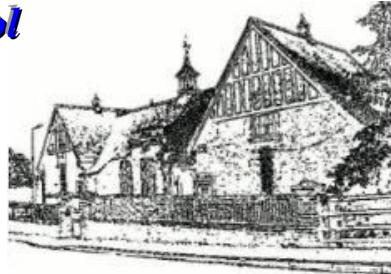
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Dear Parents,

This term our work will be connected to the subject of World War II. We will be looking at how it all began, its effects on life at home and abroad (particularly how the European map changed) and the legacy it left. The children will decipher codes, report on the 'little ships' of Dunkirk and look at first hand recounts of what it was like living through the Blitz and study sections from Anne Frank's diary. Art will also be taught within history as the children will be analysing propaganda posters and studying Pop Art. We will be having a competition as to who can design the sturdiest bomb shelter after studying the structure of the Anderson in wartime gardens. World War II is a fascinating project that children love to learn about. If you have any artefacts (letters, gas masks, posters etc) that we could borrow, please do not hesitate to bring them in. We will also be covering British Values (Mutual respect and Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs) through studying the holocaust.

A lot of the English will also be connected to this time in history. Children will be writing letters as soldiers and evacuees, reading extracts from diaries (Adolf Hitler, Primo Levi, Anne Frank) and analysing primary and secondary sources to report on major historical events. As a class, we will be reading Goodnight Mr Tom and excerpts from The Boy in The Striped Pyjamas. Our writing will also be based upon these texts. Our focus this term will be on consolidation of learning; guiding the children to use and apply, with increasing accuracy and creativity, a variety of language and grammatical features.

Please remember to discuss with your child whatever it is they are reading at home, be it magazines, newspapers, poems, leaflets or even the back of cereal boxes! You could explore the vocabulary, sentence structure, purpose, plot development or genre.

This term, we will be focussing quite heavily on the children's mathematical skills. As a cohort, this is the area that needs the largest focus. We will work on developing their abilities to independently understand the process of multi-step problems and to apply sound calculation skills to them. Each week, we will undertake a purely arithmetic-based session as well as problem solving lesson to improve their levels of confidence, speed and efficiency. It will be of great benefit to your child that you keep their skills fresh by working on their maths at home. Day to day living provides ample opportunities to apply maths in real life contexts: *the time is 7:07pm. I put the dinner in the oven 45 minutes ago. What time did I put it in? I need 8 packs of beans costing 43p each. How much will I spend altogether? I have spent $\frac{3}{4}$ of my money. I have £2.60 left. How much money did I begin with?* It takes a little time but will be of great benefit to them.



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In Science, the children will be investigating electricity and light: designing experiments to explore circuits and creating their own theories as to how to make the doorbell louder for myself as I'm going deaf! Furthermore, they will be looking at how we see and the way light travels.

Homework will be set every Friday and is expected back in school on Tuesday mornings. It should be done neatly and in as much detail as possible. Due to the challenges of the curriculum, homework is an important part of your child's learning. I use it to keep skills fresh – we no longer have a lot of time for revision. Please encourage your child to complete the tasks to the best of their abilities. If they require your help, just write a little note as to where you supported them which tells me what we need to work on.

In addition, please ensure your child brings in their PE kit on a Monday and it stays in school throughout the week. There will be a timetabled session on a Friday afternoon that will probably be outside (even in the rain) and an indoor OR outdoor lesson at an unscheduled time. Appropriate kit must be worn.

As usual, if there is any parent or family member who would like to come in and share their knowledge about any of the above subjects, they are more than welcome. Also, please do not hesitate to come in and see me if you have any queries.

Miss Parrott

Parents Evening: Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th February.