

# Y6 Soaring Swifts Newsletter

## How do we remember the fallen?



### Topic

Known as the war to end all wars, the First World War was a conflict that had a devastating effect on millions of people across the world. During our learning journey we will consider the impact of this war on typical British families. We will further develop our **Geography** skills by plotting the movement of troops and locating key battlefields within Europe. In **History**, we will research the causes of World War 1 and apply this information across our writing tasks. In **Art** and **DT** we will create poppies using clay and explore how different artists have commemorated the war using different media.

In **English** we will read, write and discuss: Newspaper articles

- War poetry
- Extracts of literature linked to WW1

**Handwriting** must be joined neatly.

**Grammar:** We will focus on cohesive devices, relative clauses, prepositions, adverbial phrases, semi colons and colons.

**Guided Reading:** We will continue to develop and deepen our reading skills during through our daily guided sessions. **Please read your child's reading record to see what they skills they have been developing.**

### Maths

This half term, children will consolidate and deepen their understanding of:

- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Area and volume
- Geometry
- Measures
- Reasoning and problem solving

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## Dates for your diary

**Photographs:** Individual photographs will be taken on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Curriculum parents' meeting:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at 3:00 pm.

**Book fair:** 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November

**Look out for dates for Parents' evenings - separate letter to follow.**

## The Homework Menu

Your child will bring home a new Homework Menu which gives them a choice of activities to be completed at home across the half term. They can choose any activity and complete them in any order. Each activity attracts a different number of points with the aim of collecting a minimum of 25 points.

In addition to this, your child will receive weekly homework for:

- Mathematics
- Spellings
- Reading children should read a minimum of 3 times either independently or with an adult (please sign the reading record as confirmation).

## Polite Reminders

**PE kits** (indoor and outdoor) need to be in school each Monday morning and stay in school all week.

Please remind your child to bring their **reading record** to school every day. It is important that children read regularly at home as this will help them to develop their reading ability, vocabulary and their love of reading. Please read and sign your child's record regularly.

**Spellings** and other homework will be set each Friday with a due date of the following Thursday. Homework is an integral part of your child's learning journey and enables them to apply their understanding independently. Please encourage and support your child to complete their homework on their own and to meet deadlines.

Knowledge of **Times tables** will also be regularly assessed - any support you can give your child with this is extremely valuable.

Children should have a **water bottle** in school that they can access whenever needed.

**Pencil cases** are not needed in school - all writing equipment is provided.

If your child needs an **inhaler** in school, please send one into school clearly labelled with their name.

Should you have any questions or need further support from us, please do not hesitate to ask and we will be happy to help.