



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 5 - Spring 1

I am always ready to learn (Winston Churchill)

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome all the children back and hope that you enjoyed your Christmas break. We are very excited for the Spring term ahead and for all the amazing learning the children will do. This letter contains an outline of the term and some general reminders.

Learning Challenge

This term the children are studying, “**How was Britain affected by WWII?**” Children will be learning about the effects of the war on people in Britain, including rationing, evacuation and The Blitz. Later in the term, we will celebrate our own WWII day in school, where children will dress up and create some blitz artwork and learn how to swing dance, as well as experiencing an air raid in the classroom. They will also consider how other countries were affected and how WW2 has shaped the world today.



Homework

- Read 3 times a week (written and signed in homework diary by Friday)
- Practise weekly spelling words (tested and handed out on Friday)
- One piece from the learning challenge homework grid (due in every Monday)

In your child’s homework diary, you will see their new spellings for each week. These are handed out on Friday and tested the following Friday. The homework tasks are on the homework grid, which should be stuck into your child’s homework book. The children are encouraged to think carefully about how they present their homework and house points will be awarded for great effort. Moreover, every child should read at home at least 3 times a week.

Homework Diaries

Please continue to check and sign the diary regularly. To enable the children to become more independent we encourage the children to show the teacher any messages in their diaries. It should be your child’s responsibility to remind you that it needs to be signed.

P.E.

P.E. will continue to take place on **Tuesday afternoons** this term. Please can you ensure your child attends school in the appropriate school P.E kit along with their school jumper or cardigan. Please ensure that hair is tied up and earrings are removed or taped over or that your child brings earring tape into school with them.

Uniform

As we head into Spring, can you please make sure that children continue to have jumpers and coats that have been clearly named. Children should bring a coat with them every day. Please also ensure that any new items of clothing or footwear follow the uniform policy.

Important dates:

Thursday 5th February WW2 Day (Letter to follow)

Yours faithfully,
Mr Sargeant, Mr Morris and Miss Feather



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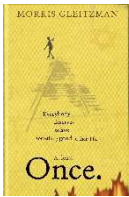


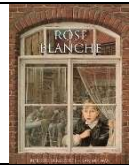
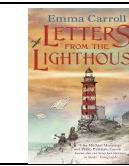
Respecting



Thriving Together

Bishopswood Federation work together to develop kind and considerate children who are resilient, reflective and motivated learners, ready for the challenges that the future holds.

At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 5	How was Britain affected by WWII?	
Subject	Areas Covered	
Learning Enrichment	WW2 Day – Thursday 5 th February	
Reading:	Reading fluency and prosody Retrieve and record information from a text Inference Vocabulary and the use of language Inference and justify Texts: When the Sky Falls, When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit, Once	  
Writing:	Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll: Setting description and recount Rose Blanche by Roberto Innocenti: Narrative retell	 
Mathematics	Multiplication and Division Multiplying up to a four-digit number by a two-digit number, dividing a four-digit number by a one-digit number with and without remainders Fractions Finding fractions of an amount, multiplying a fraction by an integer, multiplying mixed numbers by an integer Decimals and Percentages Equivalent fractions and decimals, Fractions and decimals up to thousandths, order and comparing decimals, understanding percentages	
Art and design	Who was Henry Moore and what artworks did he create? Showing emotions through sketching Make clay sculptures inspired by Henry Moore	
Computing	Representing and presenting information Using Microsoft Powerpoint Adding slide transitions and backgrounds	
Music – Map Rappers	Introduction to and history of rap music Creating a beat Learning and repeating simple raps	
Science	Famous scientists and their discoveries: Leonardo da Vinci Alexander Fleming Planning and carrying out a scientific experiment Recreating Fleming’s mould experiment and recording and analysing findings	
History – WW2	Causes of the war The Blitz Evacuation Rationing End of the war and VE Day	
Physical Education	Basketball – throwing and catching, spatial awareness, competitive game play Dance – Swing and Charleston, partnership, learning and creating simple routines	
My Happy Mind - Celebrate	Introducing the evidence-based theory that we all have different character strengths and that, by understanding what they are and then using them as much as possible, we can be at our best.	
Spanish – Mi Casa	Vocabulary of different rooms in the house Describing our houses Ask and answer questions Create a longer piece of writing incorporating previous knowledge	
R.E. - Leadership	What are the qualities of an effective leader and how these skills can support us in life Key leaders of WW2 and how their qualities make them effective Qualities needed in community and religious leaders	