



## Curriculum Newsletter for Year 5 & 6 – Spring 1 – 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to Spring 1! We would like to share our curriculum overview with you about all the great learning that we have coming up this term.

Please note:

- PE day will be **Wednesday** so please ensure you have your full PE kit in on these days including trainers. PE will sometimes be outside so make sure you have the appropriate kit to keep warm when it starts getting colder!
- Homework will be handed out on a **Thursday** to be returned on a **Tuesday**. Children will receive literacy and numeracy homework as well as spellings. They are also expected to be reading daily and practising their times tables on TT Rockstars.

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In literacy, our first unit will be using a picture book titled Flotsam. We will be using this book to inspire some persuasive writing. We will be reading The Children of Willesden Lane in our daily reading session which is a true story about a young Jewish girl's experience during WWII.

In maths, Year 5 and 6 will be learning about decimals and percentages. We will be applying these skills, and the skills we learnt in the Autumn term, into a variety of problems and contexts. Our arithmetic and times tables practice will also continue each morning.

In Jewish Studies, we will be continuing to practise our Hebrew reading. We will be looking at Avram and Lot parting company and choosing a wife for Isaac for the Chumash curriculum. We'll also be looking at the festivals Tu B'Shevat and Purim.

**Our topic:**

## **World War II**

In art this term, we will be learning about WWII artist Henry Moore.

Our PSHE unit this term will be about caring for ourselves and keeping ourselves healthy both physically and mentally.

Our history topic is World War II where we will be learning about life on the home front. We will also be learning about the Kindertransport and what life was like for children during WWII.

In PE, our focus is dance. We will be learning the Haka and using this to inspire our own routines. We'll also be working on our core strength.

In Science, we are learning about classification of all living things based on their characteristics. We will also be investigating micro-organisms and the conditions needed for these to grow.