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SPRING HALF TERMLY LETTER – YEAR 5 – MISS GREEN

TOPIC: HISTORY FOCUS	LITERACY:	NUMERACY:	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
<p>We are finishing off our World War 2 history topic in the first 3 weeks of this term, culminating in a much-anticipated trip to the Imperial War Museum (weather permitting!) The children will take part in 'The Blitz Experience' delivered by actors from the museum, to give them a full understanding of what it was like to live in London during the War. Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to attend this trip!</p> <p>The next topic Year 5 will be tackling will the Aztecs. We will be looking at the Aztec people and their way of life, their families, work and leisure time, how they lived, and (perhaps most exciting!) how they practiced the ritual of human sacrifice to appease their Gods!</p> <p>DIARY DATES: 15/01/10: Imperial War Museum Trip 28/01/10: Creative Day 15/02/10: Half Term 22/02/10: Assessment Week</p> <p>Our assembly will be after half term, date to be confirmed. The theme will be Aztecs, so look out for any odd costume and props requests...!</p>	<p>TEXT LEVEL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be continuing to use the novel 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian to explore different writing techniques, using extracts and chapters from the novel, as well as short scenes from the film version. We have looked at how to write recounts, and are currently looking at the features of play-scripts through drama, reading and writing. We will be moving onto persuasive writing later in the term. <p>SENTENCE LEVEL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue to practice creating meaningful sentences that make sense grammatically. We will continue to practice using punctuation correctly, and using it deliberately for effect. (Much homework will relate to this) <p>WORD LEVEL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will be learning spelling rules and learning them for weekly spelling tests (on Wednesdays). Children will continue to receive the spelling rule worksheets for homework to reinforce their learning. We will be looking to improve our vocabulary through using thesauruses. 	<p>This half term we will be covering Block A2 and Block B2 of the Numeracy Framework, looking at counting, partitioning (to aid mental methods) and calculating (both mental and written methods), and understanding shape. We will be covering these topics through a range of starters, games, worksheets, investigations, groups work and mini-projects. This will be supplemented by weekly mental maths tests and booster groups with additional teachers. Homework will be worksheet based and will reflect the topic studied during the week.</p> <p>OTHER AREAS: SCIENCE – The children will be studying solids, liquids and gases, and how they can change state. We will be carrying out experiments to study evaporation, condensation and melting. I.C.T. – Analysing data. R.E. – The children will be studying the Hindu religion. P.E. – Indoor P.E. on Monday (gym or swimming) and outdoor P.E. on Thursday (hockey). P.E. kits should consist of a spare T-shirt, shorts/tracksuit trousers, socks and extra trainers. Without PE kits children will be unable to play. D.T. – Examining, designing and making biscuits.</p>	<p>-Just a quick chance to say I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday, and a huge thank you for my M&S Voucher! Very generous, and I am very grateful – with many thanks!</p> <p>- Swimming has started on Mondays for this term's group – not all permission/payments slips have been returned however, meaning that some children have not yet attended! Please return the slips as soon as possible!</p> <p>HOMEWORK: All homework is given out on a Friday and needs to be in on a Wednesday. If your child needs more time to complete their work, or needs something explained to them, they are welcome to come and ask me at any time BEFORE the deadline! I will always give extra time and help for those who ask. During this half term I will be trialling running a homework club on Monday lunchtimes for those who would like some help.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Class teacher</p> <p>Head teacher</p>