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HALF TERMLY LETTER – YEAR 6 – MRS ROBERTSON

TOPIC:	LITERACY:	NUMERACY:	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
<p>HISTORY FOCUS: This half term we continue to study World War Two. Children will be studying many aspects of the war, but especially looking at how children’s lives were affected. We will be studying the Blitz, food rationing, evacuation and men and women’s roles in the war, among other topics. We have already been on two trips so far this year, to the Poppy Factory and the Imperial War Museum. Our trip to the Churchill War Rooms is coming up this half term on Friday 18th November.</p> <p>We were lucky last term to meet Eli’s Granny who spoke to us about her experiences during WW2 growing up in Germany. If you have any relatives who experienced life during the war, and who would be willing to come and talk to the children, please let me know as soon as possible.</p> <p>DIARY DATES: Mondays all term - Swimming 03/11/11 - Class Assembly w/c 07/11/11 - Art Week 11/11/11 - Barn Dance 18/11/11 - Trip to Churchill War Rooms w/c 21/11/11 - Parents’ Evening Week 13/12/11 - KS2 Xmas play 2pm 15/12/11 - KS2 Xmas play 7pm 20/12/11 - End of ter</p>	<p>TEXT LEVEL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be learning how to write balanced arguments. We will be looking at creating strong images through poetry, linked to our WW2 topic. <p>SENTENCE LEVEL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will practise creating meaningful sentences that make sense grammatically. We will extend simple sentences into compound and complex sentences. We will use a wider vocabulary. <p>WORD LEVEL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will be revising common spellings and learning them for weekly spelling tests. Looking at word roots and groups of words. <p>-The children will receive their spellings on Fridays for a test the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to learn their spelling rules, ideally for a few minutes every night.</p>	<p>Children will work on: Mental calculations, place value, understanding written calculations for +, -, ÷ and x, number patterns and sequences, fractions, money, calculator skills, handling data, shape and measure.</p> <p>OTHER AREAS: SCIENCE – The children will be studying a unit called ‘Micro-organisms’.</p> <p>I.C.T. – Producing a multi-media presentation linked to topic.</p> <p>R.E. – The children will be studying How Christmas is celebrated around the world.</p> <p>P.E. – Swimming on Monday and outdoor P.E. on Thursday (rugby skills). P.E. kits should consist of a spare T-shirt, shorts/tracksuit trousers, socks and extra trainers. Without this FULL kit, they will not be able to play.</p> <p>ART/DT – We will be studying Art through our WW2 topic, using charcoal and clay to learn about the artist Henry Moore.</p>	<p>I hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday!</p> <p>We have a busy half term ahead as we lead up to Christmas, including our Class Assembly (thank you to all parents and relatives that were able to attend!), Art Week and rehearsals for the Christmas play.</p> <p>We will also be having a Class Christmas party during the last week of term, so please be prepared to bring in party food/games - and if you're available to help out, please do tell our Class Reps!</p> <p>Parents' Evening will be over two evenings, with Tuesday 22nd November being the late night. I will put up a booking sheet outside the classroom for parents to sign up to their preferred slots.</p> <p>Finally - don't forget to buy your ticket for the Barn Dance on Friday 11th! See you there.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Class teacher</p> <p>Head teacher</p>