

## Diary Dates

### Swimming Starts:

Monday 8th  
September

### International Evening:

Friday 19th  
September

### INSET day

Friday 3rd  
October

### DePaul Sleep out

Friday 10th  
October

### HALF TERM

27th – 31st  
October

### Remembrance Poetry Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 11th  
November

### Advent Celebration

Thursday 4th  
December

### Christmas

### Holiday

22nd Dec-  
2nd Jan

# Welcome To Year 5!

Firstly, I would like to wish a very warm welcome to all of Year 5 and to parents. My name is Miss Eckersley, and I am excited to be joining the BRW team this year! As the children move to the upper key stage two, year five is an exciting time and I aim to ensure that the children will be working hard and challenging themselves to become excellent, enthusiastic and independent learners. We have got a brand-new, exciting term to look forward to, crammed with opportunities for the children to explore and embark on great adventures and discoveries, as our over-arching theme for this year is...



## The Year of Adventure!

We kick-off our new theme with a look at the First World War; our topic for this Autumn Term is:

### Britain, Battles and Bravery:

### Why was the Great War so Great?

In **RE**, we will focus on three topics this term: **Ourselves, Life Choices** and **Hope**. The children will explore the scriptures in depth and opportunity will be provided for collective and individual work on what it means to be ourselves as created in God's image, the choices we make in our lives and waiting in the joyful hope for the coming of Jesus during Advent.

In **English**, we will be studying the author **Michael Morpurgo**, who has written many fascinating books on a range of characters, many of whose lives were affected by war in some way. We will be reading **War Horse** as a class novel, and studying a range of his books in lessons, including **The Butterfly Lion**.

We will also study a range of different text types, such as persuasive writing, instructions and poetry.

In **Mathematics**, we will be developing written calculation strategies for subtraction, addition and multiplication, including understanding place value of larger digit numbers. We will also look at applying our knowledge of such strategies through engaging problem-solving tasks.

A knowledge of and an ability to recall number facts quickly will give children a great advantage!



## How you can help

- Please read with your child every day, noting the book and page numbers in the appropriate daily slot, and sign it to ensure good communication between home and school.

- Homework will be given out on **Tuesdays** and collected on the following Tuesday. Please also ensure that you sign the homework diary once your child has completed their homework and you have seen it.

- It is important that your child is practising their number facts and spellings – please keep checking them regularly.

- If your child wishes to wear goggles for swimming lessons please could you give your consent by writing a note in their homework diary.

We will be continuing our links with the Becket school in **music**, building on our skills from the previous year, with the opportunity to link our learning to the topic through the study of music piece, which in turn will be an inspiration for our own compositions.

Through **Geography** and **History**, Children will be learning about the different people that lived in the time of the Great War and exploring how the war impacted on their daily lives, from those in the trenches to women on the Home Front as they discover why the Great War was so great and how it has shaped our lives today.

In **Science**, children will be investigating through a series of practical sessions on why it is important to have a healthy diet and lifestyle, which will be linked to our topic through research and comparing how we live today compared to during wartime.

This will also tie in with our topic in **Design and Technology**, in which the children will be able to create a healthy wartime dish, based on what food was available at the time.

Our theme continues in **Computing** (formally known as **ICT**), whereby the children will be designing, writing and debugging programs and using Lego systems to create a World War One fighter plane. They will also investigate movement and controls in order to prepare the fighter plane for battle!



We will be studying the works of wartime artist Muirhead Bone in **Art and Design**, as the children develop their creative skills through the use of various mediums such as ink and charcoal.



In year five, we have regular **swimming lessons** on a Monday afternoon. During this time, the children will develop their water confidence skills and fluency of different swimming strokes, in the hope of working towards a swimming badge. Our outdoor **PE** lessons for the first half term will be supported with a specialist coach who will provide additional teaching on **invasion games**, such as football. We can also look forward to learning about **net/wall** games, such as tennis, later on in the term.

Year five will also be studying **French**, building up a basic vocabulary and essential conversation skills through singing and other interactive media. Pupils will have an opportunity to practice their pronunciation through speaking and listening activities.

### Outdoor Learning and Educational Visits

We can look forward to some exciting opportunities to bring our learning to life outside of the classroom this term. We will also be visiting the theatre to see **Horrible Histories bring History to life!** We should also be expecting a visit from the **Climate Cops** who will be raising awareness of climate change. More details and dates to follow!