

Moredon Primary & Nursery School

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Welcome back – we hope you all had a lovely half term break!

Our topic this term is **World War II** – please see the topic web for more information about our learning. This links to Remembrance Day this month. We will also be arranging an immersion day for children where they can come to school dressed in wartime clothing and take part in a range of activities to deepen their understanding of what life was like during the war. More information will be given to you about this soon.

<u>Timings and Attendance</u>: A gentle reminder that our classroom doors will be open from 8.30am each day, and the register taken at <u>8.35am prompt</u>. We would like to stress the importance of children's punctuality and attendance in Year 6 – it is crucial for their learning.

<u>Reading</u>: Every child has a colour banded reading book which they read to adults in school. They are also welcome to use the library to choose a reading for pleasure book. We expect everybody to read at home on a regular basis – either book is fine to read at home. Please spend time listening to your child read and talk to them about the texts. Any home reading should be recorded in your child's reading record.

<u>Spellings</u>: Each week, we focus on a different spelling pattern in school. Children are given words to practise on Mondays which contain the pattern we are learning and these are tested on Friday mornings. These spelling patterns may appear in the spelling SATs paper so it is beneficial for children to spend time learning them. Please continue to use EdShed.

<u>Times Tables</u>: We will continue to complete practice arithmetic papers on Fridays. A large part of arithmetic is dependent on a secure knowledge of times tables and their corresponding facts. Please practise your child's times tables and division facts on a daily basis as this will hugely benefit their arithmetic speed.

<u>Home Learning</u>: Maths homework will be given out on Fridays. This is based on the learning we have completed during the week – therefore it is consolidation not new learning. Maths homework is due in on Thursday mornings. In half terms and holidays, we will provide children with extra home learning (Grammar / Reading).

<u>Uniform</u>: Please ensure correct uniform is worn to school each day. This includes no jewellery (stud earrings accepted) and no long/false nails.

<u>PE</u>: PE will take place on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Children <u>must</u> have their full PE kits on these days:

- White t-shirt
- Black shorts/bottoms
- Trainers
- Black sweater/hoody (school jumper can be used)

Jewellery cannot be worn for PE and long hair must be tied up – please ensure children have hairbands on PE days.

<u>Snacks/Water</u>: Please make sure that your child comes to school with a healthy snack (fruit, cereal bar, etc.) and a water bottle every day. We are a nut free school so we ask that children do not bring in any foods containing nuts or seeds.

<u>Coats</u>: Please ensure your child has an appropriate coat in school each day so that they can play outside.

<u>Mobile Phones</u>: If children bring mobile phones to school, they must be turned off whilst on school site and given to their teacher at the beginning of the day to be stored securely.

<u>Contact</u>: If you ever have any questions or need to get in touch, please use Class Dojo to send us a message, or contact the school office using admin@moredon.swindon.sch.uk / 01793 600344. We'll always do our best to get back to you as soon as possible, but please remember that we are teaching during the day and don't typically check messages during this time.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Carter and Mrs Brasier-Ayres