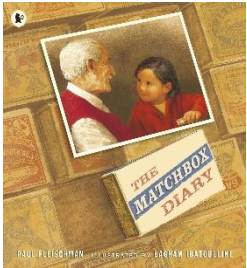


Welcome back! It's so exciting to be back at school and see how much you have all grown over the Summer! We've made a brilliant start to the year and have got a very busy Autumn term ahead of us! This letter will explain some of the things we will be doing and learning about and important information you and your parents need. Parents, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Mrs Thew

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In **English** we will be using two main texts; The Matchbox diary and King of the Sky. We will be learning how to write a balanced argument as well as writing diaries and considering characters and their emotions. We will also be writing a narrative about finding our home. After half term we will be reading a story called 'Stay where you are and then leave' based during the times of WWI. We will be writing some poetry and also a play script and letters home.

**Homework will be given out on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. It should be handed in every Monday morning. As well as the main task given each week, there is always reading plus (we aim for 3 stories a week), reading your library (or your own) book, TTRS or Mathletics.**

**Computing** in the Autumn term will include coding - the If/else, repeat until, timer and control simulation. We will also be making sure we know how to stay safe online. Later in the term we will be using logo to program drawing a poppy. We will also be animating using the 'onion skin' tool. It's sure to be tricky but lots of fun!



**PE kit will be needed on Tuesday and Thursdays.**

We will be working with the NUF which I am very excited about. We will also be practising our racket skills in badminton and our team game skills, working on invasion skills.

In **Geography**, to begin with we will be looking at migration. We will consider why people might leave or arrive in a country. We will develop our knowledge of the location of major cities and features of the countries studied. We will also look at the use of land in particular areas.

In **History**, we will be learning about WWI. We will look at causes of WWI, life for the soldiers, who was involved, and will link all of this to our Remembrance day event.



Most of our **maths** in the first half term will focus on number and place value. We will also develop our accuracy and application of using written methods of addition and subtraction. Later on in the term we will work on multiplication and division strategies. We will also learn more about measurement including length, perimeter and area. Just like last year, we will really be focusing on our **times tables and mental maths**. For those of you who are already super speedy we'll keep that going and for anyone not so confident we'll smash it! Try to use TTRS regularly at home too.

Other things we are learning about;

- Science** – Materials and their properties and forces
- RE** – Pilgrimages then the true meaning of Christmas
- Art** – collages and DT – cooking
- French** – working on our conversation skills
- Music** – listening, using key vocabulary, rhythm and performing



I am also working on some exciting 'extras' for us to enjoy this term so keep your eyes and ears open! We might even get our first trip as a class. I cannot wait!!