

Dear Parent,

A very happy new year to you all. Below you will find information about this term's topic: 'INVASION'.



Be prepared - this topic will take you on a roller coaster journey of time travel and emotion. The children will explore how the Nazi invasion of Europe impacted on the lives of citizens across the continent and particularly on the lives of Brits on the home front. From the past to the present the children will look at the lives of those in our local community who can recollect the war and will try to find out what life was like in Constantine during the war years. Listening to War of the Worlds will be the impetus for wild imagination and speculation about futuristic invasion from other places.

You will also study the Anglo Saxon period of British history and consider why they invaded, why they settled and how life changed in Britain as a consequence.

In science lessons, you will learn about the movement of the Earth, Moon and planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. You will use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. You will also research and explore the planets in our solar system. You will learn that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity and you will learn to identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces.

May I also remind you of the following:

- PE kit should be in school every Monday and stay in school until the end of the week. Tamar Class are swimming this term on the following dates: 19th, 26th, Feb 2nd and 9th. Children will still need their PE kit in school at the start of each week.
- Homework: It is expected that your child should read for at least 20-30 mins daily, learn and practice their times tables and Furious 48, complete some Mathletics activities each week on-line and practice their weekly spellings using the resources sent home. In addition, please see the grid on the reverse of this sheet which contains many opportunities for curriculum enrichment at home.
- Reading: each Monday morning your child's reading record is checked and the number of reading entries for the previous week is collected for our records. It is expected that your child should spend at least 20 - 30 mins each day after school reading (in addition to the reading they do in school) and that this reading should be recorded in their reading record in the manner outlined in the front of their reading record. Please, where possible, take the time to enjoy listening to your child read aloud and comment on their reading success in their reading record. Please help your child to ensure they have their reading record in school every day, that they take it home each night and that they record their reading daily. In particular, please ensure your child has their reading record in school on a Monday morning.

May I also remind you to visit our class blog where you can find some fantastic writing. The address is www.tamar.primaryblogger.co.uk. Follow the link of the class page of our website to get there or ask your child to show you how to do it. **Please, please, please** leave a comment if you read something and enjoy it; even if it is not your child's writing!

Warm wishes,

Mr C Wild