

Year 4 Spring News

As you are aware, there have been some staffing changes in Year 4 as a result of Mr Glennie sadly leaving us at Christmas. Our teachers now are:

Y4HV - Miss Vorster

Y4EO - Mrs Dolby (Monday & Tuesday) Mrs O'Mahoney (Wednesday - Friday)

Y4GM - Mrs Matthew (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday afternoon)
Miss Golding (Wednesday morning, Thursday & Friday)

World War Two

Our topic in the Spring Term is 'World War Two'. A very brief selection of some of our activities include:

DT - making an Anderson Shelter

Art - making a print of Winston Churchill in the style of Andy Warhol
Geography - identifying countries that were involved in WW2 and finding them on a map

History - learning what it was like during the Blitz

Writing - creating a Persuasive Poster persuading the public to join the war effort and writing a letter in role as an evacuee detailing what life was like

PE - learning war time dances such as The Lambeth Walk and the Waltz

How to support your child at home:

There are lots of ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- **Times Tables:** Children should be able to quickly recall all multiplication and division facts for their times tables up to the 12 times tables (for example $6 \times 8 = 48$ and $48 \div 8 = 6$). There are a variety of fun games that can be found on the internet and downloaded onto tablets. Alternatively, a stop watch and some questions also make for a very competitive game!
- **Reading:** Children should aim to read with an adult at least four times a week. This doesn't always have to be their school reading book; Corby library is free to join and a great way to find and read a range of books for free. Why not write a book review of your favourite book to show us as well?
- **Spelling:** There are lots of words children have to learn to spell in Year 4. We will be handing out spellings fortnightly. Please ensure that you practise these with your child as they will be tested at the end of each week.

If you would like any further support with helping your child's learning at home, please see their teacher.

Important Dates:

- **Number Day** - 2nd February
- **Half Term** - Monday, 12th February to Friday, 16th February
- **Parent's Evening** - Tuesday, 20th and Thursday, 22nd February
- **Easter** - Friday, 30th March - Monday 16th April (Children back 17th April)
- **Y4-6 Residential Payment Dates** - Friday, 2nd February, Friday, 2nd March and Friday, 6th April.

Healthy Snacks:



Please ensure that your child has a *healthy* snack at play time so they can continue to concentrate throughout the day.

Attendance:

School starts at **8:50a.m.** so please ensure that your child is in their line by 8:50a.m. ready for when the whistle blows.

Hot Dinners:



Please ensure that you sit with your child when you book their hot school dinners. We are having an increasing number of children not eating their dinners as they say they do not like what has been ordered. Kingswood offer a range of options for each day, so that there is a meal to suit all palates.