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Celebrating Learning Together

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Dear Koala Families,

Welcome back. I hope you had a relaxing summer.

This term our main topic is WW2. If you have any relatives who would be willing to speak to the children (in person or via email/letter) about their experiences or memories, we would love to talk to them.

We will be learning about the war artists in art; particularly the work of LS Lowry. Towards the end of term we will be making some Christmas decorations and if you have any old Christmas cards we would be very grateful for them please.

In DT, we will be learning about the strength of structures and then applying this learning to build miniature air raid shelters.

In music, we will be learning some war time songs and playing and composing music on the glockenspiels and xylophones.

In science we will be learning about sound before studying materials, their properties and how these can change.

In computing we will be learning about online safety before doing some coding to make a computer game.

In RE we will be learning about why Christians believe that God is holy and loving. Later in the term we will be investigating creation stories and how these complement or conflict with scientific theories.

In PE we will be playing netball followed by a gymnastics unit. On Fridays, Chris will be doing rugby skills.

In French, children will be learning greetings, numbers and how to describe their family members.

Trips and events

To aid our learning in the topic further, we will be visiting Cobbaton Combat (a war museum near Barnstaple) on 2nd October. Further details will follow.

As part of the Appledore Book Festival we will be working with Joseph Coelho, a published poet. He will be signing books as part of the visit, and we will be selling a small selection of them in school for you to buy. We will let you know when they are available. You are welcome to buy his books elsewhere and bring them in for signing if you would prefer.

Harvest festival will be on 18th October at 9.15 and parents are welcome to attend for the assembly (which the children will have written themselves) and subsequent food sale.

Home learning

Hopefully, you should have seen a letter your child brought home about Education City. This letter has your child's user name and password on it. Maths and spelling activities will be set on here over the next term. These will match with the learning in class, but children will have until the end of term to complete them. Those that do will be rewarded with Homework Golden Time at the end of term. Please let me know if your child has lost their log on details. If any of the activities do not work on your home computers, or if you have any other problems with this please put a note in their reading diary to say or pop in to see me.

Ideally, children should be reading every day. But as a minimum, children are expected to read three times per week. Children will be rewarded with a house point for every time they read. Even with more able readers, this reading should ideally still be to an adult who should sign the diary. Children will complete missed reading during break-time if needed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email school or pop into the office to make an appointment. I am also in the playground before school every morning.

Yours sincerely,

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