

# Dosbarth 5AP



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# Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2018

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Welcome to Year 5! We have had an amazing and busy start to the year, writing and presenting persuasive manifestos for the School Council, creating our mosaic self-portraits to adorn our classroom walls, learning all our new class routines and focusing on our school values of always being **'Ready, Respectful and Responsible'**.

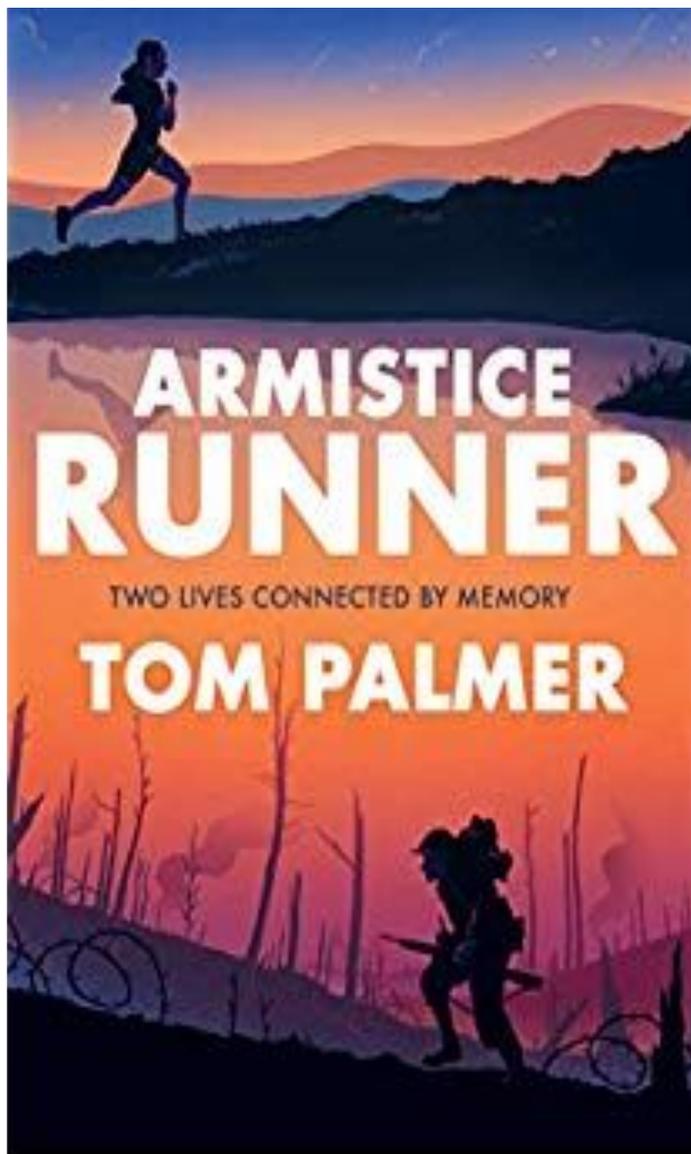
We are going to be learning lots and lots this year as you move into the Upper Juniors but we are going to make sure you have plenty of fun too! Please read this newsletter carefully and keep it somewhere safe. In it you will find information about what we will be working on this term as well as some useful information about homework, reading and PE too.

In November, we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice and the end of World War 1. To mark this event, our first theme will be based on the new book by the fantastic children's author, Tom Palmer - 'Armistice Runner'. In this story, the life of a young fell runner called Lily connects with that of her great-great-grandfather when she discovers his diaries from the First World War.

In **English**, we will be exploring the main ideas, themes and characters of the novel; using our 'Talk for Writing' approach to develop our creative writing skills.

In **Art**, we will explore the symbolism of the poppy, used to remember the sacrifices of those who have lost their lives at war. The bright red flower will be the focus of our work creating our own class memorial.

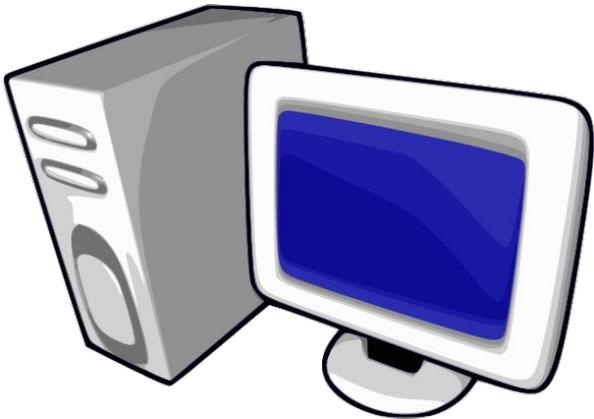
In **History**, we will examine the key events, causes and consequences of World War 1. We will also look at what life was like in Wales during the early 20th century and learn about aspects of life in the trenches.





Our **Science** work will also draw inspiration from the 'Armistice Runner' novel, as we focus on Healthy Living - which, as a fell-runner, is something very close to Lily's heart. We will look at the position and function of some of the body's most important organs; examine the effect of exercise on our levels of alertness and concentration, conduct investigations focused upon the circulatory system and examine the way in which different types of food, smoking and alcohol can affect the body. We may even touch upon a little forensic science too as we aim to solve a 'police incident'.

**Cymraeg:** We will be climbing aboard the Pod Antur Cymraeg (Welsh Adventure Pod) to learn and extend our use of language patterns. We will recap work on describing ourselves and other people using the first and third person, learn how to tell the time in order to catch a train. We will also learn how to order food in a cafe and will read and retell stories and poems linked to Bonfire night and Christmas.



**ICT / Digital Competency:** Developing our use of Digital skills when working across all of the curriculum is an important aspect of our work in school. Our focus for the Autumn Term will be 'Digital Citizenship'. We will explore the themes of powerful passwords, our roles and responsibilities as digital citizens when working/playing online; how image and photo-shopping is used on social media and elsewhere. We will also explore the issues of SPAM and copyright online.

### **Gwaith Cartref (Homework):**

Homework will normally be sent out on a Friday to be completed and returned to school on the following Wednesday. All books need to be posted in the tray towards the back of the classroom so that they can be marked before being handed back. Homework will be used to reinforce work completed in class during the previous week. Homework books should be treated as if they are class books (with super neat handwriting and presentation).



"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

- Roald Dahl



### **Reading::**

In Year 5, you are expected to read independently. Please make time in your day to put your feet up, relax and **read**. Reading daily will help improve both your fluency and accuracy but what is as important is that you will become immersed in the story and will enjoy it much, much more! We have a fabulous library of books in school which is constantly being updated so you will never be short of something amazing to read!

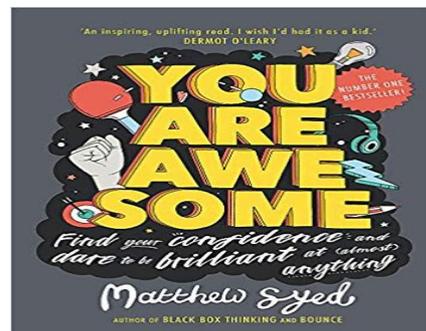


**PE:**

PE is timetabled for Monday morning and Friday afternoon. Please can a full kit (including jogging bottoms and a long sleeved top for when the weather gets colder) be brought to school every Monday and taken home on the Friday for a wash!. Kit should be in school **all week** as Newport County will be visiting to lead football workshops during the term.

**Class Assemblies:**

Every Friday, we will have a class assembly in our classroom. We will use this session every week to explore a Growth Mindset. You have already learnt how Geriant Thomas has used a growth mindset resulting in his Tour de France victory this summer. We will be using the amazing book 'You are Awesome' by Matthew Syed as the basis for our work on Growth Mindset this term.



**Remember:** Great things come only with **hard work!**  
Working together as a team this year will allow us all to achieve to the very best of our ability!



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