



9th January 2019

Dear Parents,

**Year 5 World War topic**

As you may know, this term Year 5 are studying 'Wars through the ages' (with a particular focus on World War I and World War II). This is a fabulous topic to study and we would like to make it as memorable as possible. This is where you come in!

Do you know anyone with a first-hand experience of the war (or anyone with stories passed down to them from other family members) who would be willing to come in and talk to the children about their life? Please let us know if you do, and we can arrange a mutually convenient time for this to happen.

If you have any artefacts from the war, we would love it if you could send them in for the children to look at.

On a separate note, we are often asked for ideas of reading material for Year 5 so we have enclosed a list of lovely fiction books that are related to the World Wars that we think the children would enjoy reading. They are definitely ones to look out for on your next library visit

- Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo
- Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll
- War Game by Michael Foreman
- Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo
- \* Put out the light by Terry Deary
- \*When Hitler stole pink rabbit by Judith Kerr
- \*Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- \*The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne
- \*The Mozart Question by Michael Morpurgo

(\*Please note that some of these books are about the Holocaust -this is not a subject that we will be covering in class this year but some of our more mature readers may enjoy reading these books – perhaps even with an adult)

Kind regards

Miss Palmer and Mrs Arnold