



## Welcome to Year 7

As the children journey into Year 7, they begin a new key stage in their learning. This year is about embracing new challenges and responsibilities; developing more independence and preparing for the high school. We will continue to support the children by delivering a broad and balanced curriculum in a positive and enthusiastic learning environment. I would like to offer a very warm welcome to everyone and I am delighted to be part of such a passionate and hardworking team: Mrs Watson (7KW); Mr Tudgay (7BT); Mrs Miele (7LM), Miss Wyles (7CW) and myself, Miss Carr (7JC). If you have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us either in person, by phoning the school office, by emailing the school office or, popping a note in the journal. This term, we will be doing more work on our new behaviour policy which is underpinned by the three key expectations: Ready, Respect and Responsible.

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### This term

This term, our English curriculum is based on two books (Boy 87 and Freedom) to begin with and moves on to War poetry later in the term. In history, we will be studying 'The English Civil War,' which includes a visit to The Commandery in Worcester to ignite learning and a project-based homework. Our science topics include: investigating living things and the particle model – with the use of microscopes. In design technology, pupils will be exploring their cooking skills and in art, looking at perspective. In music, pupils will be exploring the different genres of film music so that we can compose our own soundtrack to a storyboard and PE will include: dance, gymnastics, invasion games and striking and fielding activities. Please see our year 7 topic map over the page for more detail about the curriculum this term.

## Journals

It is important that your child brings their journal to and from school daily. They use their journal every lesson. For example, they will record their homework given each week in their journal and also record any upcoming events. By bringing their journal daily, they will be able to record any interventions they have or reading they have done that day. Additionally, if you have any messages to pass to their class teacher or any other staff members, you can write a note in the journal (your child will need to show the note to their teacher).

We have 3 main behaviour expectations at Witton. They are:

- Respect for all.
- Ready to learn.
- Responsible.

We offer recognition and celebration of pupils who follow these expectations – watch this space for further details.

## Homework

Homework is set throughout the week (pupils have a copy of the timetable).

Children will receive homework in a variety of lessons; this may be in the form of a 6-week booklet or an individual piece as an extension from the lesson. The children will be expected to record what homework they have received and when it is due in their journal. It will also be available to see on the Witton/Epraise website. They will complete their homework in their homework book or using the booklet provided. There will be 5 pieces of homework each week:

- 2 mathematics tasks
- 1 comprehension/SPAG task
- 2 other subject tasks

Additionally, we would like your child to read at least 5 times a week, preferably aloud for about 20 minutes. As a guide, to gauge if your child's book is at the right level for them, they should only find 5 to 10 words per page challenging to read or understand. Reading is a very important part of learning and we encourage children to read a wide range of types of books written by different authors. Our school library offers a wealth of books and your child will be able to choose books from our library. We offer a homework club at school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes where we can support your child with their homework. This offers a great opportunity for children who lead very busy lives outside school to do their homework within the school day.



## Dates for your diary

- This term, we can look forward to the following events in Year 7:
- Trip to The Commandery in Worcester (December)
- Witton Fun Run for pupils and their families – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October afternoon.
- Break up for half term Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.
- Break up for Christmas on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

