

Our topic this half term is:

World War I

We will be starting our World War I topic this half term. We will be learning about: the causes of World War I, the Battle of the Somme and the Archaeology and objects associated with the Great War as well as people, events and changes from the period.



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Important Dates

PE:

Every Monday. Please bring your P.E. kits in school and weather-appropriate footwear.

Wow Day:

Monday 14th January 2019 (World War I themed)

Trip to **Imperial War Museum**, Wednesday 23rd January 2019

Maths



In maths, we are continuing to develop fluency and problem solving skills across all areas of the curriculum in preparation for SATS. There will be a focus on a mastery approach where all children will develop a deep understanding of topics before moving on.

We use the CPA approach (Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract)

This half term, we'll be looking at:

- Multiplication and division of decimals
- Data handling: interpreting and constructing graphs
- Geometry (properties of shape)
- Solving word problems (bar modelling)
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.

English

For our English lessons, we will be reading '**War Horse**' by **Michael Morpurgo**, an beautifully written literary interpretation of the events of WW1.

As always, we are also focusing on our spellings and handwriting! However, children should now also be spending time planning and making links between sentences and paragraphs which are structured in different ways and using the full range of punctuation.

For Destination Reader we will be reading books around our topic. It will allow us to focus on prediction, inference, questioning and summarising.

Homework

For homework, children will have some work assigned weekly, as well as spellings (tested every Wednesday) and daily reading. Children putting effort into their work are **rewarded in class**.

It is also crucial that your child knows all their times tables up to 12×12 , including an understanding of how division and multiplication are linked (e.g. $3 \times 4 = 12$ so $12/4 = 3$.) They will be tested daily.

Reading

It is most important that your child reads for 10



-20 minutes EVERY DAY. Please sign their home Reading Records or ensure they do themselves so we have an idea of how much they are reading regularly. Children are to have daily comments in their logs. This will be rewarded in class.

After reading with your child, it is helpful to ask them questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding and inference. To push them further, talk to them about why the writer has selected the words they have and what effect these words have on the reader.

Spring 1 Parent Workshops:

Please see website (Under Parents → Workshops) for more information on times.

Any additional workshops will be advertised in the newsletter and on the website.

There are also coffee mornings to allow parents and carers to make links within the school community.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly at home time or via the school office.

Science

In Science this half term, Year 6 are learning about light. This will be a highly practical unit of work. During this topic, we will:

- Conduct scientific experiments to find out the properties of light and the way light travels.
- Discover natural and man-made light sources.
- Create a pin-hole camera to investigate how light is used in photography.

Humanities and RE

History

In history, we'll be looking at life during WWI. We will learn about how and why the war started, the political context and how it affected local people and wider society.

Geography

In geography, we'll learn about the geography of World War 1 and the countries that were involved in the conflict.

Art

Our unit of work is based around the WWI artist Paul Nash. We will be studying his contrasting landscapes from before and after the war and creating studies of his work in mixed media.

Computing

In computing this half term, we will be learning how to research, create and edit video presentations based on our topic.

R.E.

In R.E., we'll be learning about Christianity in the wider world. This topic will cover: the diversity of beliefs and practices, how the Christian Church has grown and diversified, what a typical Church of England/ Catholic/ Orthodox church is like, Christianity in Palestine, South Sudan and Uganda.