



Welcome back to Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and have had a well-deserved rest. I am really looking forward to the work we will be covering. Our main topic is World War 1. The children will be taking a close look at the history of World War I, from the causes of the war, life in the trenches and impact on life at home in the UK, this is a topic to get our teeth into! We will be linking our topic to learn about the geography of Europe, learning about the main geographical features.

English:

During English, Y5 will be learning to plan, draft and write in a variety of different genres. Mostly, the children's writing will be linked to our main topics, but we will also be having regular 'free writing' opportunities, where the children will be shown an image and they can write anything at all based on the picture. Much of our writing will be based on our study of Michael Morpurgo's "Private Peaceful". This moving book is set in the early 1900s and follows the story of two brothers as they become soldiers and fight in France. We will be writing diary entries, newspaper reports, letters and information texts based on the book and our topic. Year 5 will use this book, and others as texts for reading and comprehension.

A new focus for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar will be taught each day, and there will be a recap of previous learning once per week. The focus this term will be on:

Using and punctuating fronted adverbials; inverted commas and punctuation to indicate direct speech and different sentence types. The children will also be revisiting determiners, standard English, prepositions and different types of apostrophes.



Reading.

We have a weekly reading text, which we read on a daily basis. Our chosen texts are closely linked to our topic about war. We look at the type of genre it is and share our previous knowledge. We practice reading for meaning, focussing on following



punctuation clues and practice reading aloud to develop the children's intonation and confidence. We look at and discuss any unknown words or phrases and at the end of each week, there is a short comprehension text. As it has proved so popular, we will be continuing our Friday reading session with juice and bickies. This session will also be extended, so that the children have an opportunity to talk about and share their opinions on the books they have been reading. They are encouraged to bring in books from home if they wish.

Books:

We have a daily class book reading session, where I read out loud to the children. We will be reading the classic story.....

Private Peaceful, By Michael Morpurgo



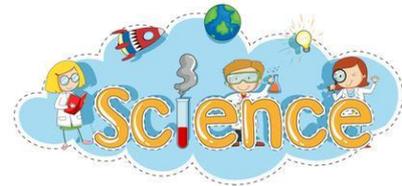
Maths:

This term we will be focussing mainly on formal multiplication and division. Children will explore how to and what happens when integers are multiplied by 10, 100 and 1000, before moving on to decimals. Four days a week, we will be completing TT Rockstars. On Fridays we will be practicing our mental maths. We will work on a times table or a group of tables each week, aiming to recall numbers facts with speed and accuracy.



Science

Science will be taught regularly, once a week. The unit we are covering this term is 'Forces' - Gravity, magnetism, friction. We will be conducting a range of investigations to test out our ideas. When we carry out experiments, children will learn to write them up using key scientific vocabulary learnt throughout the unit.



PE :

PE this term will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has named school PE kit and plimsolls as well as a black tracksuit, or leggings as it gets colder. As usual, Coach Tom will be taking 1 session of PE with the children per week. Swimming lessons are now finished and the children will now be focussing on dance, with a trained dance teacher.

RE:

In term 3, the children will be thinking about 'People of God' and we will be using the bible to explore the key question 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?'



Spanish:

This term the children will be recapping and extending their Spanish. We will continue to learn basic greetings and questions, as well as recapping numbers, colours and common commands. The children will work on their spoken Spanish and be able to share more information about themselves. Learning will be enriched by our new Spanish scheme, which provides relevant themed stories to read alongside our learning. We will also continue to practice some mindfulness in Spanish.....Inspira.....Expira.....



Music:

Music this year will continue to be based on our Charanga Programme and I am excited to announce that the music style we will be listening to is jazz! The children will listen to, learn to identify and give their own opinions about this music genre. We continue to explore structure, rhythms and tempos. Alongside singing, the children will continue to learn the recorder. Furthermore, they will have a go at improvising and creating their own simple melodies using the notes they have learned. In conjunction with learning the recorder they will continue to learn more formal musical notation.



Art/DT:

In term 3, we will be looking at the work of the artists Nash and Levinson and looking at how they used art to portray war. We will be making our own silhouettes of WW1 scenes as well as posters depicting WW1 legacy and creating poppies in a variety of media.



Throughout the term, the children will have the opportunities to take part in a variety of other creative tasks. These activities may include cooking recipes from WW1, such as trench cake or 'brown stew' and making their own trench models. Each project will aim to improve the children's Art and DT skills and allow them to apply them to different contexts.

Home Learning:

Home Learning will involve daily reading (recommended a minimum of 15 minutes) and times table practise (we have timed daily 'Times Table Rock Stars' testing from Monday through until Thursday. Fridays is a chance to really practice and new times tables or get to grips with ones they may have been struggling with) As in term 1, weekly spelling tests will be on a Friday and the spellings for next week will be put on Dojo .

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything at all, please message me on Dojo.

Mrs Douglass