

Year 4 Term 1a (2017-18)

World War 1: Overview



Literacy

The children will learn the features of letter-writing and newspaper reports and will use the context of World War 1 to write letters, recounts, reports and poem. They will learn how to proof-read and edit their own work, using dictionaries and thesauruses where appropriate. They will edit and update their own work.

Reading, and comprehension, spelling, grammar and handwriting are ongoing.

It is really important that children in Key Stage 2 continue to read regularly with an adult at home as often as possible. ☺

Music

The children will learn to play the drums and perform for an audience. They will learn some traditional WW1 songs!

Numeracy

The children will be taught a range of mental and written strategies to develop their numeracy skills as appropriate. The focus this half-term is roman numerals, place value, addition and subtraction. Children will apply their skills through word problems and investigations. Where relevant, cross-curricular links will be made and skills developed in context.

RE

The children will take part in a day of focused activities to introduce them to the religion of Buddhism. They will learn about beliefs, lifestyle and celebrations.

PE

Swimming will take place on Wednesday afternoons. Games & gymnastics on Thursday afternoons.

IT

The children will focus on e-safety, digital literacy and use computer skills across the curriculum.

History: World War 1

Children will learn about World War One from historical and geographical perspectives. They will use atlases, historical artefacts and records & accounts. They will learn to research different aspects of WW1 using books and relevant and appropriate websites.

Children will ask historical and geographical questions. They will use maps to trace the journeys soldiers undertook, will examine the causes of the war and the methods used to recruit soldiers. They will investigate the effects of the war on soldiers and their families. Children will learn about propaganda and discuss the reliability of evidence. They will draw their own conclusions from what they have seen, heard and read.

PSHE/Thinking skills

New Beginnings: Children will learn about relationships and feelings and how to manage/recognise emotions as they embark upon a new school year. They will learn about aspects of citizenship and elect a new school council.

French

Children will learn simple conversational French related to greetings, counting, days of the week and food.

Art

The children will learn and apply the skill of colour mixing. They will learn about some of the art produced during, and in response to, World War One and will produce paintings and drawings inspired by this. Children will sketch self-portraits as if they were a soldier.

Homework

Homework to support classroom work will be handed out each Monday and must be back in school on Friday.

