

Poppies, People and Pets

Autumn 1 - 2018

Topic Overview

We will be commemorating the centenary of the 1st World War this term. In class we will read the Butterfly Lion and link this with our English / Topic work. We will explore the significance of this historical event and how it affected people and animals in our locality.

Cross Curricular Learning

Geography/History

Locational knowledge –We will locate South Africa on the map and refresh our knowledge about the continents. The children will do a comparison between human and physical geography of South Africa, exploring the differences in cultures, environment, communities and natural features of both locations. In History we will learn about WW1- particularly the life of a soldier in the trenches. We will also hear tales about the Stannington war horse and how significant, historic events affected our locality.

Science

Y2 will explore the use of everyday materials. We will be designing a World War tank using recycled materials. They will also look at the life cycle of a poppy to understand what plants need to grow.

Year 3 and 4 will investigate states of matter and what makes something a solid, liquid or a gas. Year 3 will describe the properties of hard to sort materials and Year 4 will create a set of sorting cards that each give a property of either solids or liquids. We will also investigate thermal conductors and insulators.

Art & Design

Plan, design and make a world war 1 tank, they will then evaluate how their project went. Year 3 & 4 will plan and design 3D Willow poppies. They will also evaluate their designs.



English

The children will focus on narrative writing this term and we will read the Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. They will complete a character study of a fictional character from the book and will look at the features that must be included in a letter. We will write letters to and from soldiers at war and will create newspaper articles about the Christmas Truce.

Mathematics

During the first half term maths will include; place value, counting and partitioning, securing number facts and developing mental calculation strategies.

We will also do a lot of map work this term including coordinates, grid references & code breaking, linked with WW1.

Computing

The children will learn how to stay safe on the internet and how to research a topic safely.

We will view propaganda posters from the 1st WW and design our own for display using motivational slogans.

Spiritual, Moral, Personal and Social Skills

Much of our work over the first few of weeks will involve settling into the class, getting to know each other and establishing our daily routines. We will also explore gratitude and positive mind sets.

Physical Education

We will be focusing on football and tag rugby skills over the autumn term.

Music

We will research some of the motivational songs from the 1st world war: Pack up your troubles etc. We will discuss how the songs helped keep people's spirits up and look closely at the lyrics. We will also investigate modern motivational songs. The children will learn 'Pipes of peace' and discuss the significance of this to the 1914 'Christmas Truce'.