

Speaking and Listening / Grammar / Reading and Writing

In English, we will start by looking at suspense writing using the 'Talk 4 Writing' programme, where we will encourage the children to write independently and creatively using precise vocabulary.

As a class text we will be reading *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo. This will fit in with our history theme.

Children will also begin to learn debating skills to improve their speaking and listening.

History and geography

In history, children will study World War I.

Initially, the children will learn key facts and figures about the war and complete a timeline. They will also explore and research why the war began.

After this, we will research key figures from the war, writing biographies and presenting our findings to the rest of the class.

We will discuss how Europe changed as a result of the war and how those changes continue to affect us today.

As part of the theme work, we are planning to visit the Manchester Imperial War Museum to explore their World War I exhibits, particularly looking at the vehicles that we can only otherwise look at in pictures.

Mathematical Development

As mathematicians we will be consolidating our understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and applying these skills to word problems and puzzles across the curriculum. Maths will mostly be taught separately, but where appropriate, our other topics may be incorporated via practical activities, graphs, statistics and accurate measuring. We will continue to develop our mental and written methods. We will begin with number will consist of place value including decimal places, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.

Theme - In the trenches.**English and story time texts:**

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

The Chronicles of Harris Burdick

Home learning

The children will have the chance to complete some homework regarding aspects of our topic. Children must also keep reading at home, practise their spellings and times tables, as well as completing weekly homework that usually includes mathematics (of which they complete the section that best suits their ability level with some challenge) and some kind of literacy.

Art / Design Technology / Music

This term during our theme we will be completing observational drawings. This will lead to detailed sketches of the exhibits at the Imperial War Museum.

As artists, we will begin to turn the Year 6 corridor into a museum by making model planes from World War I, as well as other larger sculptures and pieces of art.

Spanish

In Spanish, we will continue to learn basic vocabulary such as days of the week and food and drink.

Science

The children will learn about light. They will:

- Identify how light travels
- Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye
- Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes
- Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them

Children will carry out investigations connected with the above objectives.