

Year 4 Autumn Term 2018

English

We will be reading a range of texts during our WWI topic including 'Archie's War', 'War Game' and WWI poetry. We will be studying the features of these texts and using them to plan and compose our own writing. We will be thinking about the experiences of different people during WWI, such as the soldiers and their families at home. As we find out about WWI, we will use our developing knowledge and skills to write a range of letters, diary extracts, stories and poetry. Through their reading, the children will continue to widen their vocabulary, learn to spell new words and further develop their understanding of sentence structure. We will be learning to use a range of types of punctuation including commas, speech marks and apostrophes. The children will increasingly be expected to proof read their own writing to check for accurate punctuation and spelling.

Year 4 Maths

We will be working with whole numbers over 1000 with a focus on place value e.g. ordering numbers, rounding to the nearest multiple of 100, comparing numbers and working with Roman numerals to 100.

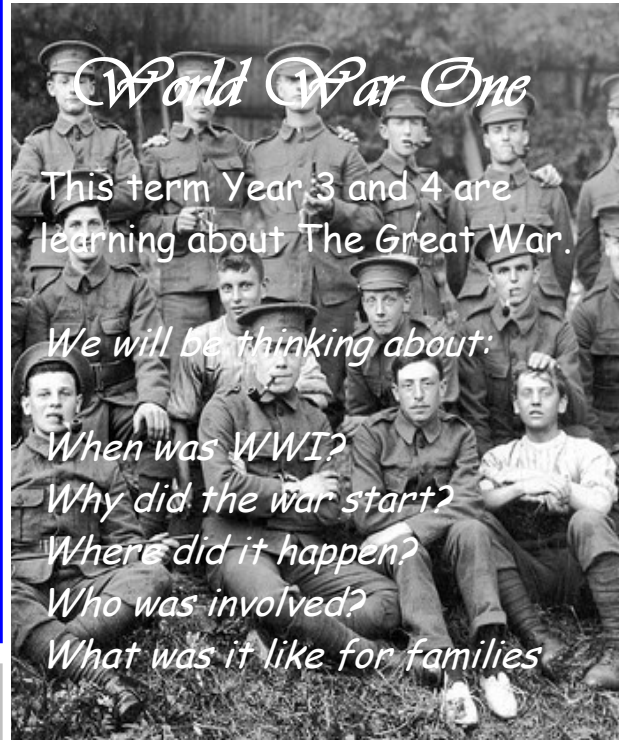
We will be using formal written methods for addition and subtraction using 3-digit numbers. We will also continue to develop efficient mental methods for all four operations and be reinforcing our knowledge of times tables and their related division facts in our class work. We will keep practicing and extending our knowledge of number facts which help us to solve problems.

We will link our Maths to our topic by learning to measure accurately in mm, cm and metres and apply this skill to measuring perimeters and areas.

Computing

This term we will be thinking about how to use a range of digital technology safely, respectfully and responsibly and know how to report concerns and inappropriate behaviour.

Over the term we will learn how to use different search engines effectively (like Google), and begin to appreciate how search engine results are selected and ranked so we can select information carefully for our own purposes.



RE / PSHE

Our values for this term are 'Trust' and 'Truthfulness'. We will be encouraging class reflection around these themes. In RE we will be focusing on the Hindu festival of Diwali and exploring the concepts of Creation and Fall for Christians. There will also be a whole school RE day about Harvest Festival.

History/Geography

This term our topic will be the Great War. We will be looking at a range of primary and secondary sources as well as using fictional stories and role play to bring the past to life. We will develop our understanding of chronology and where WWI fits into British history. We will be exploring the impact of the WWI on British life and making comparisons with life today. Our geography skills will be developed by using maps, atlases and globes to locate countries and cities in Europe.

Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Light'. We explore how we need light to see things, identify different sources of light and explain how light travels. We will investigate how light is reflected from different surfaces by using mirrors and test which materials make the best reflective surfaces. We will explore how shadows are made and how we can change the sizes of shadows. We will also learn about UV light and its dangers.

Art/DT

Our focus in DT this term will be designing, making and then evaluating a photograph frame to link with our WWI topic and the concept of Remembrance. In Art we will explore different techniques for sketching using pencils and develop our observational drawing skills.

French

We will find out about France and learn how to use greetings and introduce ourselves in French.

PE

Games lessons will focus on football skills and netball. PE lessons will include yoga and aerobics. Year 4 will also be swimming this term at the UEA on Thursday afternoons.

Music

This term we will be developing whole class singing skills by learning WWI songs and finding out about their role in the Great War and the experiences of soldiers.