



Year 5

Curriculum Information

What your child is learning this half term:

AUTUMN 2: FALLEN FIELDS

Creative Curriculum

Class Book: 'The Machine Gunners' by Robert Westall.

Children will be covering the following genres:

Diary writing, Newspaper Recount and Balanced arguments. They will also be planning, writing and editing their diary writing about World War One.

Children will develop comprehension skills during their Guided Reading Sessions, as well as reading a range of texts related to WW1 to understand the audience, purpose and key features.

At Home: Encourage children to focus on the genres that they are studying and be able to discuss what they have learnt/ enjoyed.



RMSE

The focus of RMSE this half term is the topic of 'Incarnation' where children will discover the importance of Christmas in the religion of Christianity. They will also focus on how stories (religious and non-religious) influence their own beliefs. Children will debate on how factual the Christmas story is.

At Home: Discuss with children what they know about the Christmas story and explore different stories in other religions that impact on their beliefs.

Music

In Music this half term, children will explore the 'Blues' styles of songs. Children will explore the origins of the Blues and identify some features of this genre, children will learn to sing a Blues-style song.

At Home: Encourage children to share the new skills they have acquired in class. Children to listen to Blues songs.



PSHEC

Within PSHEC, children will be focusing on Article 19: Protection from violence, abuse or neglect. The children will learn about the impact of bullying including online and offline. They will identify strategies to respond to hurtful behaviour. Furthermore, they will recognise the positive choices that are beneficial for our planet.

At Home: Discuss with children the importance of staying safe and identifying the strategies of staying safe online.

Maths

In Maths, children will continue to develop their reasoning skills within Multiplication and Division. They will develop their understanding of fractions looking at equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering as well as adding fractions and converting them.

At Home: Support children in completing their weekly homework as well learning their times tables using Timetable Rockstars and corresponding division facts off by heart.



PE

Year 5 children will be taught a range of skills across Handball, Football and Gymnastics.

PE takes place on Wednesday and all children must come to school in their PE kits on this day.

At Home: Encourage children to be active and to teach others the new skills they have acquired.

Art/DT

During Design Technology lessons, children will be exploring 'Digital World Monitoring Devices'. Children will be creating algorithms to ensure that their design works smoothly. In Art, children will create a sketch of a war time scene and develop it by using water colours.

At Home: Encourage children to look at images of a war time scene and identify the tones and textures within the paintings.

Homework

Maths, Reading and Topic homework will be set weekly on Thursday. However, spellings will be given out for the whole half-term to allow extra time to practise. Spelling tests will take place weekly consisting of the spellings of that week. Children with homework books must return them to their class teacher by Tuesday. Children can change their home reader book as soon as they finish it. We encourage all of our parents to let us know how well your child is reading at home. Please regularly write comments in your child's Planner.

Science

This half term, the children will be covering the unit Living Things and Their Habitats. Children will learn key facts and information about the life-cycles of amphibians and other insects. They will also be comparing the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.

At Home: Discuss and research the life process and reproduction in plants.



Languages:

Children will continue to develop their language skills within Spanish. They will learn how to pronounce colours, describe clothing items and a range of different animals.

Computing

In Computing, children will be developing their knowledge of using the program Scratch. They will explore the use of loops and will create animations. Pupils have the opportunity to create their own animation using a story they have created. By the end of the unit they will have developed their knowledge of animations.

At Home: Encourage children to research a range of computing animations to grasp an idea of how to create an animation.



History/Geography

Children will be exploring the causes of The Great War as well as researching significant individuals from this time. They will also create a timeline of events and look at weapons that were used by soldiers. They will explore the importance of the Christmas truce and how food shortages affected people.

At Home: Encourage children to research key facts about the World War One.



Key Dates

As part of this topic, we will be visiting Cosford Museum on the 12.12.2023!

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