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Year 6 Autumn 2 Newsletter

English

Writing

This term English will be based on the book, One Boy's War by Lynn Huggins-Cooper.

Over the course of the half-term, pupils will read the text together as a class, as well as a range of WWI poems and other related texts, and complete a number of writing activities linked to the events of the story; this will culminate in a discussion piece of writing.

Reading

We will read a range of short fiction and non-fiction texts in order to develop vocabulary, retrieval and inference skills. In addition, we will be developing our skimming and scanning skills within reading sessions.

Each pupil will continue being given a book at their level to read for enjoyment at home. Books will be expected in school each Friday. On this day, they will be checked/changed each Friday morning and progress on a class chart logged with certificates for milestones of the number of books read.

Maths

In maths, we will continue to explore number and the four operations. We will then progress by looking at fractions, which will take up most of the half-term, before finishing by looking at position and direction. In addition, one morning a week will have an extra focus on times tables for all children using TT Rockstars.

History

The topic for the first three weeks of the half-term is the WWI.

In week one, we will be looking at the vocabulary, main events of the war, how it started and its consequences. In week two, the focus will turn to life for a British Tommy and the Battle of the Somme. In the final week, the focus will be about the men of the Oldham Pals and what they did in the war, including V.C winner Walter Mills.

Science

The topic for the three weeks following WWI will be electricity. In the topic, children will learn about how the number of electrical components effect circuits, conductors and how to create circuits.

French/ PSHE

French and PSHE will take place each Friday afternoon. Long term plans can be found on the school website.

DT

Later in the half-term, we will be looking at creating a DT project where we research, design and manufacture a sandwich to be sold at a Christmas market.

P.E

We have P.E on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Please ensure your child has suitable footwear for the PE sessions.

Homework

Homework will be **set every Friday**. It will be required by the next Friday.

It will comprise of work that re-caps the learning, which has gone on in class that week. Homework will be set for three subjects: Maths; Spelling; and English. It is expected that all homework is completed and returned to school. A log will be kept of pupils' returned work.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wrigley and Mrs Dalton