

Sutton Park Community Primary School

Topic Web - Year 6

World War I and the Christmas Truce.



PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure your child has their named PE kit in school.

Topic Rationale

The pupils have really enjoyed the topic of World War One so far and are keen to learn more about life on the front line. We will continue to work towards the end event being the re-enactment of the Christmas Truce and to consider values such as friendship and team work to relate to our Thrive objectives. We will continue to use War Horse as our main text this half term to provide further extensive reading and writing opportunities, comparing the book to the film at regular intervals.

English

We will be continuing to use a fictional text based on real life events called 'War Horse', to stimulate the children's imaginations to use wide vocabulary and varied sentence construction in their writing.

Genres of writing that will be covered are:

- Diary entries
- Recount
- Newspaper reports
- Non Chronological report
- Letters

Guided reading will continue to take on a more verbal form through 'Vipers' sessions, with lots of group discussion around a variety of texts linked to the topic.

Science

Pupils will experience plenty of opportunities to experience exciting investigations during the next half term.

We will begin by looking at the heart and how it reacts to exercise. We will then focus on:

Electricity – Investigating circuits.

Light and how it travels (Linked to WW1 trenches).

Computing

Children will be continuing the challenge of creating a war adventure game using the program of Scratch. This will involve pupils using coding to create an interactive game to be enjoyed by other pupils within the school.

Art

Children will create many mini art projects including: junk modelling to create Zeppelins, and even some real life trench art as created by World War One soldiers!

This will involve designing their own badge to represent their army.

Maths

In Maths, pupils will continue improving their number skills across all areas of Maths. Particular areas to be covered this half term include:

- Comparing and ordering fractions
- Fractions and Percentages
- 2D shapes and their properties
- Volume of cubes and cuboids
- Converting measures

Mental Maths lessons will be taught twice weekly where we will be working on basic number skills and developing our quick recall of number facts and times tables.

Music

Children will continue learning a variety of songs from World War One including "Silent Night" in German. We will also be continuing to learn how to become musicians using ukuleles as the stimulus.

Homework

Homework packs will be sent out on Friday 9th November. They are due in on Thursday 6th December 2018.