



Year 1 Newsletter Summer 2 2014

This half-term our topic is 'The Great War' and where possible our work in class will follow this theme.

Science - we will be looking at sound and how it travels. The children will explore different musical instruments and discuss how their sound is produced. We will investigate sounds and how we can make them louder and quieter.



English - we will be sharing books that focus on the Christmas truce football match of 1914, and looking at the 'Home Front' aspect of life during World War 1. The children will be writing letters and diaries in role, describing settings, and writing instructions for making paper poppies.

History - we will be looking at some animal heroes from WW1, exploring the role of Royal Mail during the conflict, and learning about life at home. The War is a whole school topic because of the centenary, but our focus will be away from the fighting.

Computing - the children will be using different programs to produce work during our topic. We will also be using cameras and video to make scenes to complement our work, and continuing our work with the beebots.

Art/DT
The children will be making observational paintings and drawings. This is part of a whole school topic which is focusing on poppies this year. We will also be making paper poppies and having a go at some rationing recipes (eugh!).

Maths - the children will be continuing learning numbers facts to make their mental work quicker and easier. We will also be doing some problem solving, and lots of measurement work involving capacity and weight.

Reading - please continue listening to your child read and commenting in their diary. Here's a quote from the National Literacy Trust - "*For children between the age of 5-14, reading activity at home has significant positive influence on students' reading achievement, attitudes towards reading and attentiveness in the classroom*". That's how important your help is!

Homework

Homework will come home each Monday to be completed for the following Monday. This will include spellings, maths in their workbook and a topic or English based activity to be completed in their homework book.

This half-term Year 1 will be performing their whole-school assembly, where you get the opportunity to watch them talk about what they've been up to. A date will be set soon so keep checking the Friday Newsletter!

