

What was it like 100 years ago?



MATHS -This half term we will be developing our knowledge of number and calculations. There will also be a big focus on the learning of times table and division facts. We will be using TT Rock stars which will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts and completing our daily times tables tests.

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Welcome back after the half term break- we hope you enjoyed your holidays! We have a busy but fun half term ahead ☺ This half term we have some fantastic topics to study and develop the children's knowledge.

This term ...

The children will continue to learn all about the First World War. We started our topic off just before the holidays when we got creative and made lots of poppy art work which has been displayed at the cenotaph in Newton. We were very proud to receive a letter from a local couple who wanted to thank us for this beautiful display.

This half term we will be finding out what Britain was like 100 years ago, what the 1st World War was and when it began and how it changed the lives of ordinary people - men, women and children. If you have any interesting stories, historical artefacts, photos or books we would be extremely happy to share them in class.

Our class novel this half term will be War Horse by the amazing Michael Morpurgo. This will help us to develop our knowledge and understanding of World War 1.

Our Science topic will aim to answer the question; 'Can I turn the steam from my window into an ice-lolly?' In this unit, we will look at the three states: solids, liquids and gases. We will investigate how we change the state of materials and learn about the water cycle.

Please feel free to pop into school if you have any queries or worries.

Useful websites:

www.sumdog.com

www.classdojo.com

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqhyb9q>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/first-world-war/>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zkqg87h>

ENGLISH We will be reading War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. The book will create a range of writing, drama and art opportunities. We will also be developing our writing skills. In addition we will be focusing on grammar, spelling and punctuation and handwriting.

PE is on Tuesday. A sports coach will teach the session. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times. Our Kit consists of black shorts/bottoms, white t-shirt, black trainers or pumps. Also, please remember no earrings on PE days. Correct kit = Dojos ☺
Swimming will continue on a Thursday.

HOMEWORK - This will continue be set weekly on Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Monday. Please support your children to complete their homework. Any homework not completed in time will be completed Monday lunchtime in homework club.

HOME READING BOOKS/FREE

READERS -Please use your reading record to help us to communicate with you. Books will be changed as needed. Please aim to read at home at least 4 times per week.