

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

Treacherous Trenches

Driving Question: What was Banbury's involvement in WW1 and what impact did the war have on our town?

Outcome: Museum Exhibit - wheeled field gun and display information about Banbury's involvement

Literacy

We are beginning term 5 focusing on our reading text, War Game by Michael Foreman. This extremely high quality text links perfectly with our WW1 topic. We will carefully study the text and images to develop our understanding of the atrocities of this war, including the effect it had on soldiers and their families. The children will write a diary entry 'in character' and will also write a detailed letter from a soldier saying how they are coping with trench life.

Later in the term, we will be learning the key features of a one sided discussion before writing our own. The children will consider the ethics of war and whether it was right or wrong that soldiers were conscripted.

Persuasive language will be used to develop clear points and paragraphs.

At home you could really get to grips with grammar to support your writing:

- <https://www.teachwire.net/news/7-of-the-best-online-grammar-games-for-ks2>

Maths

We will be finishing our unit on decimals and percentages this term. We will order and compare decimals as well as rounding them before introducing percentages. Following on from this, we will develop our understanding of perimeter and area, learning how to find these for various compound shapes. We will continue practising our times tables facts each day so we know the 36 key facts instantly. Later in the term we will be looking at how graphs are used to display information, and how we can interpret them.

At home you could:

- Spend 15 - 30 minutes each day on Times Table Rockstars to gain deeper confidence in your times tables which underpin so much in maths application
- <https://trockstars.com/> - your child has login details for this
- <https://nrich.maths.org/8958>

Physical Education

The children will be preparing for Sports Day in Term 6 by taking part in athletics activities including, running and jumping with accuracy, control and speed.

PE sessions will continue to be on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every day. For your child's safety, earrings must be removed before any PE lesson and hair must be tied up.

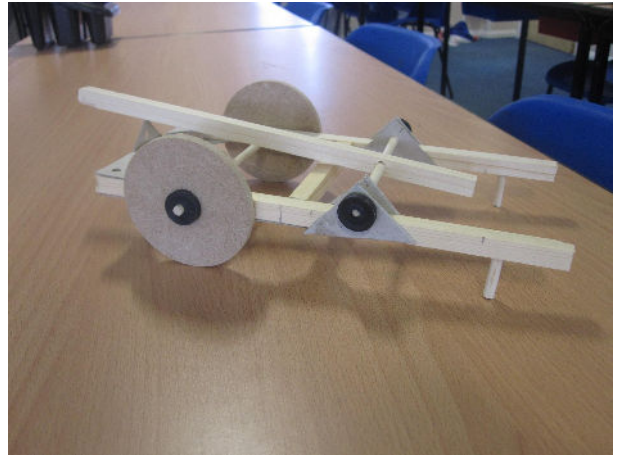
History

The children will find out about the causes of World War One as well as the key figures involved. They will carefully consider the methods of warfare involved and their impact. We will also think about the devastating life the soldiers endured in the trenches, including sights, sounds, smells and what they might have been feeling.



Design Technology

This term, the children will be looking carefully at images of a wheeled gun which was used widely in World War One. We will look at its uses as well as its limitations before designing, making and evaluating our own. In the process, the children will incorporate a mechanical system such as a lever. In making their model, the children will learn to use a range of tools and equipment competently.



Team Building day

We are very excited to be having a team building day for the children on Friday 21st April during the school day. They will take part in a number of indoor and outdoor activities which will develop their communication, problem solving and leadership skills. They should come to school that day in clothes that they don't mind getting a little dirty and can run around in.

Musical Extravaganza

This year's theme for the Year 4 and 5 Musical performance is friendship. The children will be rehearsing throughout the term to ensure that they are performance ready! For the performance they will need black trousers / leggings and a bright coloured T-Shirt.

REMINDERS AND DATES

17th April - Term starts
20th April 9am - Year 5 and 6 Celebration Assembly
21st April - Team building day - forest school clothes
24th April - Year 5 trip to see High School Musical@ Wykham Park
24th May and 25th May - Year 4 and 5 Musical Extravaganza
26th May - Dashwood's Got Talent