

YEAR 5

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 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 multiplication and division this term before moving on to fractions, decimals and percentages. We will build on our knowledge of multiplying fractions as well as finding fractions of amounts. Then, we will order and compare decimals as well as rounding them before introducing percentages. Once we have a firm understanding of all three of these concepts, we will be linking them together. We will continue practising our times tables facts each day so we know the 36 key facts instantly.

At home you could:

- Spend 15 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, please come and ask your child's teacher if you need these.

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. Year 5 also have the exciting topic of orienteering to look forward to this term, which involves reading maps and navigating the outdoors. PE sessions will continue to be on a **Tuesday and every other Thursday**. 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.

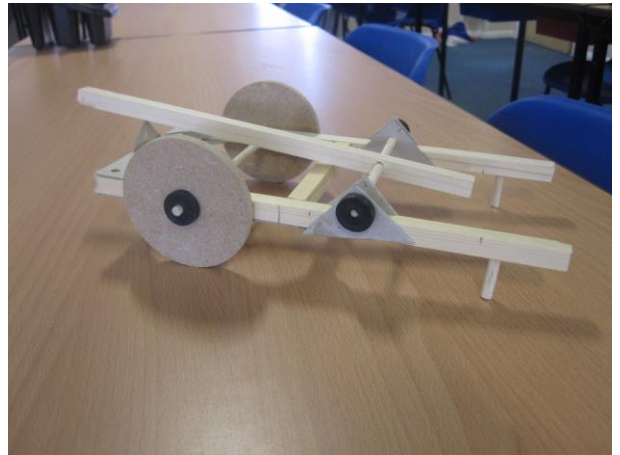
On a **Wednesday**, some of the children will continue to swim, whilst others will have a PE session at school. Please ensure they have their full kit with them ready to walk to Spiceball promptly at 9am. You will be notified when your child no longer needs to go swimming.

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.



REMINDERS AND DATES

15th April - Term starts
24th April – Sycamore class trip to Greatworth Farm
24th April – 30th April – Travelling book fair
24th May – Last day of Term 5
27th – 31st May – May Half Term Holiday