



Shakespeare class Terms 1 & 2



WW1— Lest we forget!

Topic Title: WW1—Lest we forget

As historians we will explore The Great War. We will look into how and why it started, what life was like during the war, both at home and abroad, and the lasting impact that it had on Britain.

We will study some of the most significant moments of the war, including trench warfare (including the celebrated Christmas truce), the role of woman on the home front and, perhaps most importantly, 'we will remember them' as we approach Remembrance Day and reflect on the sacrifice that so many made so that we can enjoy freedom.

English

We will be studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, linked to our topic, to lead us into writing stories, poetry, letters and newspaper reports.

Michael Morpurgo's 'War horse' and 'Private Peaceful' will be our class text for the term, and will give us a base from which to explore the war using different text types. As well as this Mrs Fleet will be teaching Grammar every Friday.

We will continue with our weekly spelling tests on Tuesday mornings.

In PE lessons we will be supported by Ms Edmonds from Bartholomew School for indoor PE and during our active afternoons Mrs Conroy will be teaching us games, problem solving and bushcraft.

Maths

Our Place Value knowledge will underpin our understanding of our maths work this term. We will apply this during our work on calculations and fractions.

Alongside this Mrs Fleet will teach shape, space and measure on a Friday.

We will continue to practise our mental mathematics skills, particularly times tables.

Computing

We will be using the Explain Everything app and other software to present information about WW1.

We will continue to seek opportunities to use the new I-pads to support our learning.

We will also be looking at E safety.

RE & PSHE

Our RE work on Islam will help us to understand why the Qur'an, as well as if and how God communicates with man.

We will think about 'New Beginnings' in PSHE, by learning about how to adapt to change and make the most of new situations.

French

Mrs. Fleet will be helping us to improve our language skills through work on conversations and vocabulary.

Geography

We will be looking at Europe and begin to develop an understanding of what it was like before the war and how it has now changed. This will include country borders, key cities and languages.

Art and Design

Our term-long art projects will allow us to practise our sketching skills, as well as giving us the opportunity to use a range of techniques and materials as we sketch horses and other aspects that relate to WW1.