



Year 6 Margate Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to term 2, I hope that you all had lovely half term break.

Our Creative Curriculum topic for this term is, 'Remembrance'. We will study World War One and try to unpick several questions, such as: when was World War One and how has this impacted life today? How and why is it remembered? What was the role of animals during the war? We will explore the symbol of the poppy how we commemorate the loss of life through remembrance services. I have lots of interesting activities planned for this term; I would also like to welcome any personal family links to WW1 (such as medals, photographs, letters) that you may be willing to share with the class to deepen their engagement of this topic.

Maths

This term in number Maths, we will be using the formal written methods for the four operations (including the use of decimals); performing mental calculations and calculating multi-step problems in context.

In Topic Maths, we will be exploring properties of shape, including angles. We will be comparing and classifying geometric shapes; drawing 2D shapes using given dimensions and angles and illustrating and name parts of circles.

English

This term in English, we are reading, 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo. We'll be identifying how the author has developed characters, settings and atmosphere. Non-fiction: We will be researching the use of horses during WW1 and writing a non-chronological report.

Pupils should be encouraged to read daily and discuss their reading. They can read from any suitable source: internet; magazines; newspapers; fiction and non-fiction books.

Times Tables Rockstars

Keep Up with Times Table Rockstars! Let's all work towards being Rock Legends and Rock Heroes!

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>



Science

In Science, we will be learning about electricity, electrical circuits and voltage. We will use our electrical knowledge to solve a problem and link this to our WW1 topic.

When using the internet at home, please encourage your child to use the safe search engine **Kiddle**.

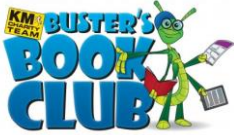
www.kiddle.co/

This site is run by Google and has safe search functions built into it to help protect children.



Reminders:

- Record minutes read for **Busters' Book Club** each Wednesday on the bookmark and ask an adult to sign it.



- Daily reading record to be signed. Will you read an **Academy Reading Challenge** book this term?
- PE kits for PE lessons on Mondays, earrings should be left at home.
- Home learning is issued termly and can be handed in when completed.
- Correct uniform please, including shoes. Boots may be worn during the winter months. Any problems or concerns, please write a note in the student's home contact book.
- Please check the school calendar for upcoming events.

In PSHE...

we will consider the question "How can we keep healthy as we grow?" As part of this, we will discuss the impact of legal and illegal drugs; how friends can positively and negatively impact on well-being and explore healthy and unhealthy habits.

Remembrance



In Creative Curriculum, we will explore the theme of remembrance. We will look at how World War One (WW1) brought about the idea of remembrance and why this is still important today. We will explore the events of WW1 including how and why it started and visit the Dover War Memorial as a class to lay our own poppy wreaths.

In Art/DT...

we will be researching, designing and creating clay poppies and proportions in animals.

We will study how to create movement in our drawings and create a piece of art work of a galloping horse across a WW1 battlefield.

In RE...

we will look at what a range of religions believe happens when you die.

We will then use these ideas to consider what we aspire to be and achieve in the future.

In Music...

we will develop our understanding of musical notation; reading rhythmic notation and develop our skills of reading sheet music.

In Computing...

we will be looking digital literacy. We'll be exploring the pros and cons of online gaming and how to use them safely and understand the ways to protect our privacy online.

In MFL...

we are learning about French town and the different ways to construct a sentence in French to describe locations and provide directions.

Thank you for reading our newsletter. If there is anything you would like to discuss, please catch me on: the playground; via the school office; through the Year 6 email - year6@stmartins.kent.sch.uk

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