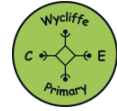


Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2023



All Different – All Equal



Year 5
Beech & Laurel



Miss Parkinson, Miss Greaves, Mrs Borson & Miss Anwar

Our topic this half term is:

WORLD WAR ONE
ARE THE EVENTS IN WAR HORSE
TRUE OR IS IT JUST A STORY?



English

Our class text will continue to be War Horse and we will be using this to help us write a discussion based on the book. Following on from this, our second unit in English this half term will be poetry. We will be reading Flanders Fields and writing our own version of this well-known classic poem.



Maths

This half term, we are focusing on multiplication and division. We will learn about common factors and multiples, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers.

We will also be learning how to convert fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa, and adding and subtracting a range of fractions.



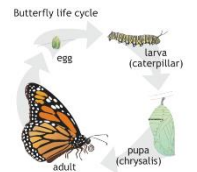
HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

Our learning in History will continue to be all about World War One. We will be investigating what led to the end of WW1 and what happened after. We will also debate if the events in War Horse (our English text) are true or if it is just a story. We are looking forward to presenting and sharing our homework projects all about World War Two.



Science

Our Science lessons this half term will be all about **living things and their habitats. We will be learning about the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We will also be describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. We will consider the work of David Attenborough and Jane Goodall and discuss why their work has been so important to living things and their habitats.**



PE

PE for both classes will be on a **Tuesday and a Thursday**. This half term we will be developing our skills in basketball and gymnastics. Please remember to come in your full kit on both days, with long hair already tied back. Earrings will need to be removed or please provide tape to cover them.



DT

This half term, we will make a mini replica of an Anderson Shelter to withstand falling debris. We will use wooden frames with foils and tins. As these were specifically used in WW2, research on these could be part of your homework project!



RE

This half term our big question is: Creation and Science: conflicting or complimentary? In this topic we shall explore the story of Creation and The Big Bang. We will debate if these accounts compliment or conflict each other.



PSHE

Our big question will be: How do we treat each other with respect?. In this topic we will explore how behaviour can affect ourselves and others around us, understand how to be polite and courteous in different situations and understand my rights and responsibilities.



Music

In Music, we will listen to and appraise some jazz music. We will use the glockenspiels to perform and share a piece of jazz music.



Computing

This half term we will be learning how to make a podcast in our new topic – audio editing.



French

This half term in French our topic will be 'The Date'. We will learn the months of the year and by the end of the topic we will create a French calendar.



Homework

Please use the hexagons in your homework folder to produce a piece of work about World War **Two**. This could include learning about the Battle of Britain, evacuees, famous battles or anything else related. Choose a different type of homework project to what you completed last half term. E.g. if you created a model last half term, you could write a poem. Homework projects are due in on **Monday 11th December**.

Reading, Spellings and Learn by Hearts

In school, we aim to read with your child at least once a week. Please therefore ensure that your reading record and reading book is in school daily. Remember to record your home reading, which should be as often as possible but at least twice a week. Use Accelerated Reader regularly ensuring that you complete the quiz after each book- don't forget to record your quiz scores in the back of your diary! Timestable Rockstars and Spelling Frame should be accessed regularly (more information to follow). Spellings and Learn by Hearts should be learnt weekly ready for our weekly test on a Friday. Ensure homework folders are in school every Friday.

