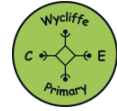


Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1 2025



All Different – All Equal



Laurel: Miss Vickers & Mrs Fearnley

Spruce: Mrs Bailey & Mrs Dar

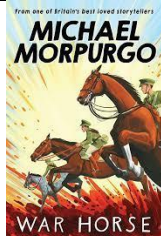
Our topic this half term is:

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



English

Our class text will be War Horse. We will be using this to help us write about animals going to war, along with a discussion text about War Horse. We will be focusing on our spelling and handwriting along the way in order to produce some wonderful pieces of writing.



Maths

This half term, we are focusing on place value. We will learn how to read Roman Numerals and read, write, compare and order numbers to at least one million!

We will learn this through a variety of practical and visual activities and we will apply our knowledge to answer reasoning and problem solving questions.

Millions	Hundred Thousands	Ten Thousands	Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

Our learning in History will be all about World War One which will be introduced on our Wow Day. We will be learning about what led to the start of WW1 and understand what life was like between 1914 and 1918, including the involvement of animals. We will link this with geography to understand the countries involved and where the war took place.



Science

Our first unit will be scientific enquiry based on the properties of materials. We will be working as scientists to predict, observe and test out our hypothesis. We will explore the properties of solids, liquids and gases and learn how to carry out a fair test.

Properties of Materials

flexible	rigid	soft
hard	shiny	dull
magnetic	strong	fragile

PE

PE will be taught on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. This half term, we will be developing our skills in hockey and outdoor adventurous activities.

Please remember to come in your full kit on both days, with long hair already tied back. Earrings will need to be removed- otherwise, please provide tape to cover them.



Art

This half term, we will be creating a piece of artwork on silhouette soldiers. We shall focus on drawing the effect of light on people and objects from different directions and develop the concept of perspective.



RE

This half term our big question is: What does it mean if God is holy and loving? In this topic, we shall explore who God is, understand the importance of proverbs and learn about different ideas of God.



PSHE

Our big question will be 'What makes up our identity' and within this topic we will discuss gender, faith, culture, ethnicity, faith and likes/dislikes. We will learn about what it means to live in a diverse community and understand the importance of respect and acceptance.



Music

In Music, we will be learning how to play the trumpets as well as learn about the song 'Livin on a prayer' by Bon Jovi. We will appraise and compose the song throughout this term.



Computing

Mr Stirk will be focusing on sharing information in computing this half term; such as exploring the world wide web, what we can use it for and how to use it safely.



French

This half term in French we will be learning about animals, including our pets. We will focus on pronunciation and retrieval of key words.



Homework

Please use the hexagons in your homework folder to produce a piece of work about World War **one**. Please bring your homework in as soon as it is done so that we can produce a display outside our classroom or by **Friday 24th October** at the latest.



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.