

Year 5 Curriculum Update

November 2024

Values: Trust and Friendship

The Values of Trust and Friendship are ones we often talk about when making connections with others and the children are able to confidently share their experiences of these Values both inside and outside of school. All the children are able to talk about those they trust and the qualities of a good friend.

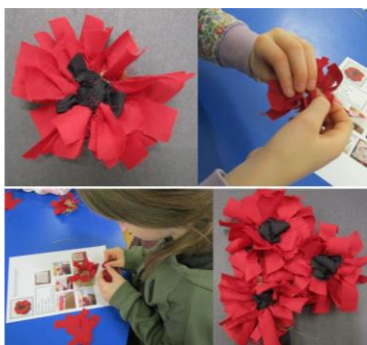
'Fighting Footballer'

Our learning this half term will be about World War 1 but through the story and journey of the inspirational Walter Tull. The children have already learnt that he was a professional football player, which captured the children's interests, but he was also the first black officer to lead British soldiers into battle. The children will extend their learning about World War 1 but will also explore further how racism made life difficult for some people during this time. This will build on the learning that took place in September with the Drama Geezers. We will not only look at the past but we will also explore how racism is still present in football and other sports today.



Remembrance

As part of Remembrance, the children made some rag rug poppies, which they were very proud of. It offered a time for reflection on why we wear our poppies. The method is a thrifty way of repurposing unwanted fabrics. The children will build on this as the term progresses as they all work together to build a larger rug.



Science

As scientists, the children have reviewed materials and whether they are a solid, liquid or a gas. They have used previous learning to group materials based on their different properties. They are now planning investigations to explore solutions and whether materials will dissolve in a liquid and can they be recovered from a solution. There is a focus on fair testing by carefully changing variables.



Glockenspiel

This term, the children have been learning the glockenspiel. They have been learning about rhythms and learnt the notes b, a and g and have been reading the notation from music. The children will continue to do this for the next few weeks as they progress to playing 2 notes together to develop their harmonies and understanding of the duration of the different notes e.g. quavers and crotchets.



Homework & 40 reads

Spelling Shed and **TT Rockstars** 4/5 games each day. Playing regularly will really make a difference in their recall of multiplication facts, which will help with all other aspects of their maths work. As for spelling, this will help with the flow and often the grammar in their writing.

Reading diaries need to be in school daily. The children are now able to take more responsibility for these, but it is important that parents/carers are still listening to their children read and signing the diaries regularly. The children need to write a sentence each day to summarise what they have read.



Thank you to everyone who attended the class assembly. The children had such a wonderful time after being put under pressure! The skipping seemed to be a big hit and it was lovely to see parents, carers and grandparents enjoying this activity. The children didn't want you to leave.

Dates for the diary

Weds 18th Dec- Christmas performance in the Church 6.30pm.

Weds 29th Jan - Young Voices

Monday – alternate Monday's will be Forest School. The next one is 2nd December 2024. Please ensure your children are now wearing layers because it is getting colder. A hat and gloves should be worn and a scarf may be useful.

PE days – Tuesday and Friday

If you have any concerns, queries or things to celebrate, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Kind regards, Mrs Lee and the Year 5 Team.