

Remembering our heroes



Year 2 Ash Class

MUSIC
Weekly singing, including World War 1 songs related to our topic and/or tuned or un-tuned percussion playing.
Long and short sounds – exploring rhythm.
Songs for our Nativity performance.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS/ OUTCOMES
The Imperial War Museum at Duxford.
We will be looking specifically at the very new role of balloons and planes during the First World War.

P.E
Outdoor Games – The children will be developing the team sport skills of football and tag rugby.
Dance – The children will be preparing dance routines for the Christmas KS1 production.
Gymnastics – We will be exploring different ways of travelling and moving on a range of gymnastic apparatus.

HUMANITIES
In history we will be focusing on the life of Walter Tull during World War 1. We will investigate his time as a football player and compare similarities and differences to football of today. We will discuss the significance of a) the Christmas Truce & b) Walter Tull's promotion as one of the first black officers.
We will also explore the role of animals to support the troops.
Our geography will include identifying key areas affected by World War 1, locating them on maps and relating them to our knowledge of the United Kingdom.

COMPUTING & SCIENCE
Mathletics – using iPads to complete maths challenges
2Simple2Create – a story writing programme where the children have the opportunity to create special animated effects.
Creating simple algorithms. Programming BeeBots. E-safety reminders.
Everyday Materials.
We will be exploring the different properties of a range of materials and be able to name and describe the best use for them.
We will also be investigating which material properties are the best for particular tasks eg: to make a tent, for combat trousers, to create a blackout.
We will also look at camouflage in the animal world.

ENGLISH
The text "Walter Tull's Scrapbook" will provide opportunities for us to look at many different writing genres, including postcard writing, diary writing, poetry, non-fiction explanation writing and recounts.
Regular phonics, grammar, spelling, handwriting and punctuation work will be on-going. Everyone is encouraged to read a wide range of genres and we always have a class story.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Jesus the Story Teller- One of Jesus' great characteristics was his ability to tell a good story. He would use everyday things and situations to weave into stories to help people to learn about God and the Kingdom of God. We will follow the 'Godly Play' format to learn about The Parable of The Mustard Seed'
In the build up to Christmas we will learn about Advent as a preparation time for Christians and the symbolism of light.

MATHEMATICS
We try to make our lessons very visual and practical, using a variety of maths equipment. Learning to count forward and back to 50 and then up to 100, to add and subtract sets of objects within 0-50 and to understand place value of tens and ones numbers.
We will also be completing maths investigations using all 4 main operations, including division and multiplication.

ART & D.T
To link in with our World War 1 theme, we will be designing our class contribution to a whole school poppy display.
We will complete our evaluations of the work based on Joseph Wright's painting, which will be submitted to the Take One Picture programme at The National Gallery.
We will explore a range of art media in collage and printing techniques.
We will design, make and evaluate a super hero cape for our teddies.