

Creative (Art, DT, Music)

Art

This term the children will have the opportunity to explore clay and metal as materials to work with and develop their skills. We will look at moulding and etching the materials to create pieces of World War 1 artwork such as medals and poppies. We will also create abstract artwork based on 'The Screaming Soldier' by Nicholas de Lacy-Brown.

DT

The children will learn about electrical circuits and will design and create a WW1-themed board game. We will design and make packaging for ANZAC biscuits and will look at WW1 clothes.

Music

We will explore songs around the theme of 'I'll Be There' by the Jackson 5, looking in particular at the music of Michael Jackson and how he has influenced modern pop music. Children will learn about rhythm and pitch as well as using musical instruments to play along to the songs. They will also learn to sing 'I'll Be There'.

Computing

Children will learn about algorithms and use this knowledge to understand how information is passed around the internet. Children will use iPads to create a short radio report based around WW1.

Digital Literacy

Children will learn about privacy rules and talking safely online.

Humanities (History, Geography)

This term in history, we are learning all about World War 1. Children will investigate various aspects of the war, from the uniforms the soldiers wore to rationing.

In geography, children will use six-figure grid references to investigate how battleships were used during the First World War.

Websites

Bitesize - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>

Active learn - <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login>

English and maths revision - http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm

PHSCE

New Beginnings

This term we will be thinking about new beginnings

PE

Swimming

This term Durham Castle Class will go swimming on a **Thursday** afternoon.

Games

Children will be taught handball with a sports coach from Sedgfield.

World War 1



Literacy

Comprehension

This term we will focus on specific skills to develop our reading comprehension. We will look at a range of texts, both fiction and non-fiction, some of which will link with our WW1 topic.

Composition

Keeping with the theme of the First World War, children will develop their literacy skills through extended pieces of writing such as letters and diary entries. We will focus on vocabulary and using good spelling, grammar and punctuation to aid their writing.

Basic Skills

In our Basic Skills sessions, we will be working on using different sentence types as well as thinking about word types, such as the various types of noun. We will look at punctuation such as colons and semi-colons along with hyphens and dashes and how we can use these to develop our writing skills.

Science

Properties and Changes of Materials

Children will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets

Animals, including humans

Children will explore the changes as humans develop to old age.

Living Things and their habitats

We will describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird as well as describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

RE

What impact can Christians have on the world?

Children will explore what it means for a person to have faith and how having faith affects people's lives, values and decisions.

Maths

Mental Maths

In Mental Maths we will focus on using the four operations (+, -, x & ÷) to solve problems and equations quickly, focusing on skills and tactics that can be used to aid us in this.

Main

This term we will be looking at place value, using the four operations, fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be thinking about converting units of measure, including time.