

Curriculum overview for Year 1 pupils – Term 2



	Theme title: What did animals do to help in WW1?	Launch pad event: 'Tommies' and Jim the music man
English <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily.</i>	This term's English will focus on the reading and writing of instructions and poetry linked to World War One. Children will develop their sentence writing skills and practice using correct punctuation. The children will continue to develop their ability to recognise common words and learn strategies to work out unknown words through phonics lessons, guided group reading and whole class shared reading.	
Maths	In maths we will continue to learn how to read, write and order numbers to 20 and beyond. They will learn how to add and subtract with numbers to 20 and find one more and one less. They will learn to recognise, visualise, name and describe squares, circles, rectangles and triangles and create pictures with them. They will begin to learn how to double and halve even numbers. They will continue to do problem solving activities.	
Science	The children will be learning about a variety of animals and will sort them into categories eg fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will name animals according to what they eat eg omnivores, herbivores and carnivores. They will sort living and non-living things.	
Computing	In Computing we will be learning to program and direct a Beebot. The children will learn how to input a series of instructions to make the Beebot move to a predetermined target.	
Geography	We will be looking at globes, atlases and maps to locate and name the continents of the world. The children will be looking at maps to locate Dover and Folkestone and will be discussing their proximity to France. We will be learning about travel and transport.	
History	The children will be looking at the role of animals in helping the war effort in World War 1. We will be looking at horses, dogs and messenger pigeons in particular and reading stories about individual heroic animals.	
Art	The children will be looking at images of the poppies around the Tower of London and the artists who worked on the project. The children will be using a variety of materials and mediums to create collages of poppy fields.	
Design & Tech	The children will design and make their own moving picture of a messenger pigeon flying above a poppy field. They will learn how to make a moving lever and decide on the best lever for their idea. The children will develop their evaluation skills.	
PE	<u>Dance</u> - The children will create short dance phrases that represent soldiers and will look at the dance sequences used in the Nutcracker. <u>Games</u> - The children will learn to pass and receive a ball using both hands and feet. The concept of attack and defence in sports will be introduced.	
Music	The children will develop their singing skills learning old fashioned songs linked to World War One.	
RE	In RE the children will learn how and why we celebrate special and sacred times. The children will think about what they celebrate and why and will think about the stories their families tell. The children will learn about what happened at Easter, how it makes people feel and how Christians celebrate it. The children will consider that matters the most at Easter. They will learn Jewish people tell the story of Passover every year and what Muslims celebrate at Id-ul-Fitr.	
P.S.H.E	This term the children will learn how to be safe online whilst using internet based games. They will learn what games are suitable and unsuitable for their age group.	

Ways in which you could support this term's curriculum at home:

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
The Story of World War One by Richard Brassey. Archie's War by Marcia Williams Where the Poppies now grow by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey. The Christmas Truce by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey. Flo of the Somme by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey.	Folkestone Museum Visit the Water Tull memorial along The Leas. The Imperial War museum in London.	Make a poppy using craft materials.