

Mansfield Primary Academy

AJs Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019



English

We will be reading *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo. Children will be analysing the text, investigating new vocabulary, studying the grammar he uses and the effect it has on the reader, and making inferences and predictions about what they read.

We will be investigating this term's big question:

'All is fair in love and War' We will:

- Predict what might happen from details stated and implied.
- Ask questions to improve their understanding
- Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences from evidence.
- Identify how language structure and presentation contribute to meaning.
- Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader.
- Write Diary extracts from the perspective of different characters in the story.
- Write a newspaper article based on events in the story.
- Write a information text about horses in World War 1
- Debate the big question
- Write a balanced argument.
- Examine and write poetry based on the War.
- Write a play script based on a soldiers experience in World War 1
- Research the Christmas Truce.

We will focus on a different spelling pattern each week to develop our pupil's spelling.

As always, handwriting is a big focus for improvement in year 5. Your children have all earned pens now in order to keep them their writing must be joined and neat!

We will be using Rainbow Grammar to learn how to manipulate grammar to make our writing.

Maths

We will be looking at place value and addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1,000,000.

Multiplying and dividing 3 and 4 digit numbers by single and double digit numbers using a range of different methods. The unit begins by finding and defining multiples and factors and common factors. Pupils begin to work with prime numbers and determine what makes a number prime or composite. After this, they work with square and cube numbers before moving on to multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. When multiplying, pupils are encouraged to use a variety of methods, including: number bonds, column methods and the grid method. Number bonds are used to represent multiplicative word problems. Pupils then move on to multiply by 2-digit numbers before beginning to divide by 10, 100 and 1000. The unit ends as pupils learn to divide, giving rise to remainders using multiple methods.

Reading books and Homework

Homework will be focusing on English and Maths and will be handed out on a Friday and will need to be handed in by the following Friday for marking. Reading book records will be checked every Monday and new books given out as the children read them. We will be testing children on their x tables each week. They will be able to earn certificates for each x table they pass. Ultimately they will be able to pass their Champions Award, which will be all their tables combined.



P.E Kits

PE will take place on a **Monday** and a **Friday** so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on these days. However, PE could take place at any time, so it's easier if your child brings their PE kit in on a Monday and leaves it in school all week to take home Friday for washing, ready for the following week.

Topic: War. World War 1– Present Day
Is all fair in love and war?

Science– Fire power, parachute investigation, seeing over the top: investigating light, periscope design, creepy crawlies, through the thick green light, grubs up, the animals that helped us, stopping sinking, choosing the right material for the job.

Art and design– Commemorative art, setting the scene, design a recruitment poster, build a trench, sketch book diary, create an installation.

Geography– Where in the world, flags of the empire, trench locations, soldiers and home countries, India and the commonwealth, finding an injured soldier.

History-Memorabilia investigations, analyzing accounts, battle accounts, war and peace, the common wealth contribution.

We look forward to working with you and your children this term.

Miss Leggott, Miss Phillips

Dates for your diary

3rd September - Back to school
13th September - School Photographs
15th & 16th October - Parent/Teacher Meetings
18th October - Last day of Autumn term 1
4th November - INSET DAY
5th November - Back to school
11th December - KS2 Pantomime Visit
18th December - Christmas Dinner
18th December - Christmas Fayre
21st December - Last day of Autumn Term 2
Break for Christmas
7th January - Back to School