



Remembering & Celebrating



I hope you had a fantastic half-term. Our topic this half-term is 'Remembering & Celebrating' where we will learn all about the magnificent work of the Army and Remembrance Day, followed by exploring how and why we celebrate Christmas! Below is a brief outline of the exciting learning that will be taking place and some useful ideas on how you can help your child succeed. As always, your involvement in your child's education makes a huge difference to their success. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Stamp, Miss Butler-Waite & Mrs Mercer 😊

English

Our learning will be focussed on the books *Where the Poppies Now Grow* by Hilary Robinson and *Traction Man* by Mini Grey.

You could help your child at home by:

Talking to them about Remembrance Day and why we have the poppy.

Sharing the book with them. A read aloud version can be found on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPtK05JbTG0>

Sharing the countries people in your family have been to and showing children where this is on a world map. Children could track places where mums or dads have been deployed.

Talking to your child about their favourite teddy or toy. They could make up their own adventure for them.

Maths

Some of the things that we will be exploring include:

- Addition and Subtraction
- Money

You could help your child at home by:

- Practicing adding and subtracting when playing board games, dice games or out shopping.
- Practicing counting games - forwards and backwards in different steps.
- Logging onto your Numbots account and practicing your number skills.
- Handling money when shopping. Perhaps they could have pocket money to spend!

D.T.

In DT, we will be investigating moving pictures. You could look at different pop-up books that use levers and split-pin wheels to create a moving picture. There is a nice YouTube video, which shows this, which can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kamxGHTvafg>

Music

In our music lessons we will be learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch. We will continue to learn and perform songs on the glockenspiel and we will also have the chance to sing a variety of songs in our festive Christmas Play.

P.E.

We have PE on ***Mondays and Tuesdays***. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear on these days. This half term we will be studying balance and multi-skills.

Parent Helpers

I would like to extend a warm friendly welcome to any parents who could spare an hour or two to listen to children read each week. Reading is a vital skill for children, which enables them to learn and progress, and your involvement makes a significant difference.

