#### Homework

Your child will be given **Maths and English homework** every week on a Friday. This needs to be completed and returned to school in their green homework books by the following Wednesday. They will also be given **weekly spellings** every Friday and will be tested on these the following week.

Your child is expected to have their Home/School Diary and reading book in school every day; it is expected that they will read every evening for at least 15 minutes. Please initial their Home/School Diary when your child has read.

The staff and pupils at Featherstone Wood Primary School have been working very hard to develop a positive working environment where every person is valued, works hard and surpasses their potential. This is an exciting time in our history and by working together we can make it a very happy and rewarding experience. We really do value your thoughts.

We are available at the start and at the end of every day. Appointments can be arranged for longer meetings, if necessary.

It is vital that all children attend school daily and holidays will no longer be authorised. Please contact us in writing to let us know of any pre-arranged absences (e.g. dental/medical appointments) and let us know if anyone different will be collecting your child from school at any time.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your children.

#### Reminders for this Half Term

Please make sure your child has both an indoor and outdoor PE kit available in school every week. Children are to bring in their PE kit on a Monday and to take it home on a Friday.

# Featherstone Wood Primary School

# **Topic Planner**



Year 5
Autumn 1

#### **English**

In English we will be starting the term by looking at poetry, focusing on vocabulary. We will be thinking about how the words we use and the way in which we structure our writing affects the reader.

We will then be looking at explanation texts. We will review a range of texts before writing our very own explorers' guide!

#### Maths

The children will learn about:

- Place value
- Rounding
- Negative numbers
- Multiples, factors and common factors
- Prime and composite numbers
- Multiplying and dividing mentally

#### Science

In Science we will be learning about our solar system. We will be looking at the movement of the Earth and the other planets relative to the sun, as well as the moon's movement relative to the Earth. We will also learn about the Earth's rotation and how this explains day and night.

#### Music

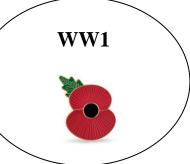
In Music we will be starting to learn how to play the trumpet.

### R.E

The children will learn about the codes and rules that different religious groups follow. We will focus on Judaism and Christianity.

#### **Computing**

The children will develop their skills in coding by designing and writing a program, simulating physical systems, introducing text variables and creating and improving a game. We will also be looking at how to stay safe online.



# **Key Topic Vocabulary:**

Trenches No Man's Land Empire Flanders Fields Memorial Remembrance Alliance Sandbags

#### PE

Pupils will continue to apply and develop a broad range of skills, learning how to link them to make actions and sequences of movement. They will collaborate in teams as well as work independently. We will also have a weekly yoga session.

# Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

The children will be focusing on the theme of new beginnings. We will be looking at: belonging to a community, understanding and managing our feelings, understanding the feelings of others, social skills, making choices and understanding our rights and responsibilities.

### **Topic: WW1**

To mark the 100 year anniversary of WW1, we will be discovering what it was like to experience the war and looking at the legacy it has left behind.

We will be looking at the European countries involved in WW1 and their geographical features.

# Art/DT

In Art we will be looking at the works of war artists such as Christopher Richard Nevinson, Paul Nash and Wyndham Lewis. We will be developing our skills in different mediums by creating our own piece of war art inspired by these artists.

We will also be creating a piece of poppy art in remembrance.