

## Southminster C of E Primary School's Newsletter Friday 10th November 2023

### Bible Quote of the Week

Joshua 1.9: Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

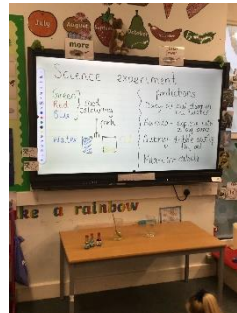


This has been a week of Remembrance for the children, with poppy wreath making, listening to poetry and thinking of others, with an assembly led by Reverend Peter. The children's wreaths will be taken to the Church in readiness for the Remembrance Service at the weekend.

### EYFS

This week, the children have been exploring the significance of the poppy. They have experimented with watercolours and potato printing to create a poppy field and each child created their own poppy wreath for Sunday's service. The children listened to some Remembrance Day poetry and have started to learn some of this.

The children have also carried out a Science experiment this week called Fireworks in a Glass. They made predictions about what might happen when they mixed together variables.



### KS1

This week KS1 has been finding out about the Victorians. We looked at different artefacts and explored what they could be. We have compared a Victorian Christmas to a Christmas celebration today and we started to read A Christmas in Time. This is a story about children travelling back in time to a Victorian Christmas. The children have also planned their own Victorian Christmas stories.



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## LKS2

In Years 3 and 4, we have been writing our own quest stories, based on discovering that the world's electricity has been stolen by a fantasy creature. Victorian pickpockets have even featured as time travellers. We used similes, fronted adverbials and dialogue to create some fantastical stories. They all had happy endings and some contained rhetorical questions, wondering if it had all been a dream they that they visited other worlds through portals.

## UKS2

In Years 5 and 6, we have been continuing our History topic, comparing childhoods now and in WW2. We can recognise a WW2 siren and have investigated taking cover down in the London Underground. As part of these experiences, we have started to write non-chronological reports, ensuring that we use all of the correct features.

In Maths sessions, we have been exploring factors, multiples and multiplying, with Friday's investigation linking to the multiplication work we have been doing.

As part of work on Remembrance, we have studied the poem In Flanders Field. The children have shown great compassion and interest in the poem. We have enjoyed making our poppy wreath for the Remembrance Service at the Church on Sunday.

## Reminders

### Dates for your Diary:

EYFS Nativity: 6<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-10.00 and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2.30-3.00

KS1 Nativity: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.00-3.00 and 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-10.30

KS2 Carol Concert: 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-11.00 and 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.30-3.00

Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner Day: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Panto: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Children in Need: We will be asking the children to be dressing in a 'spotty and sporty' theme and to take part in the Pudsey Bearpees Challenge. Your child will be bringing home a sponsor form and we hope that you or friends/family will be able to sponsor him/her to contribute towards 1000 burpees for Children in Need.

Names on Uniform: Please check that your child has his/her name in all clothing. This can be as simple as being written on the label with a biro.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Woods and all the staff at Southminster C of E Primary School