

Weekly Newsletter

11th November 2022



In Year 1 we have had lots of fun during our science topic Materials. We talked about different materials and their properties. The children used their working scientifically skills to sort the objects into different groups. The children enjoyed being scientists, wearing their very own scientist's lab coats and carrying out a comparative test to see which materials were absorbent.

We have also been observing which materials float and sink. We have used the scientific vocabulary we have learnt during our materials topic to describe our equipment and ingredients, when we made our yummy biscuits.



This week in Year 6, we have had an exciting week at Into University. We have been learning about the ocean and discussing different Maritime opportunities. During the week, we have been researching different careers we might like to have in the future and learning about what university might be like. On Wednesday, we went on a trip to the Merseyside Maritime Museum. We had an amazing workshop about the Titanic and learnt about the roles of the crew on the ship and the unfortunate events that unfolded in April 1912. In the afternoon, we had a challenging scavenger hunt in the Maritime Museum to find out more information about what life might have been like onboard the Titanic. We have had a fantastic week and have enjoyed all the activities, especially the trip to the Maritime Museum and our Graduation at the University of Liverpool.



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National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph

The National Service of Remembrance, held at The Cenotaph in Whitehall on Remembrance Sunday, provides the nation with a physical reminder of all those who have served and sacrificed, with British and Commonwealth soldiers, sailors, airmen and women represented, together with members of the emergency services and civilians, ensuring that no-one is forgotten.

On this page are some interesting facts about the Royal British Legion and the symbol of the poppy which Years 4, 5 and 6 explored in assembly on Monday. The children also listen to the poem 'In Flanders Fields'. We hope you enjoy reading it at home. When they were asked how they would like to mark the 11th November 2022 their wonderful suggestions ranged from wearing a poppy with pride to drawing pictures or writing their own poems inspired by the poem they heard. They unanimously voted for a one minute silence at 11am which happened today.

1. Wearing a poppy is a show of support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families

It represents all those who lost their lives on active service, from the beginning of the First World War right up to present day. It also honours the contribution of civilian services and the uniformed services which contribute to national peace and security and acknowledges innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism.

2. The poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance for over 100 years

The poppy became a symbol of Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future in the aftermath of the First World War. Since 1921 our collectors have been at the heart of the Poppy Appeal. And this year they will be back in local communities across the UK to collect donations that help RBL continue it's vital work.

3. The poppy is red because that's the natural colour of the poppy flower

During the First World War previously beautiful countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over, again and again. The landscape swiftly turned to fields of mud where little or nothing could grow.

But out of this devastation the delicate but resilient bright red Flanders poppies grew and flourished in their thousands.

4. A poem inspired the use of the poppy as a symbol of Remembrance

Shortly after losing a friend in Ypres in 1915, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies growing in battle-scarred fields to write his now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

5. Poppies weren't always sold with leaves

Like the natural flower, the original version of the poppy did not feature a leaf. A leaf was first introduced in the 1960s and they slowly became an optional extra. By 1984 demand for them had grown to 12 million a year, and in 1995 poppies with leaves included were made available for the first time.

6. And funds recovery services like the Battle Back Centre

The Poppy Appeal also helps fund services like the Battle Back Centre - the first port of call for wounded, injured and sick service men and women as they start their Individual Recovery Program.

7. Poppies are recyclable

All of the parts of our poppies can be recycled. After Armistice Day you can recycle your poppy at any Sainsbury's supermarket. We are committed to reducing the impact our poppies have on the environment and are working to remove all single use plastic in the future.



In Flanders Fields BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

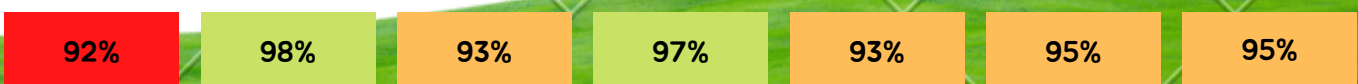
Hello again everyone,
We hope you all enjoyed firework celebrations last weekend. On their return to school the children excitedly told me about their favourite fireworks, so it sounds as if you had fun!
Did you manage to find time to test each other on the tongue twisters? How did you do? This week we've included a very old but famous poem about the red poppies that were seen in Flanders' Fields in the first world war. The older children unpicked the poem to learn what it meant and they also learned about how the poppy became such a strong symbol.
Next week is Children in Need on Friday 18th November. Children may come into school wearing non-uniform. Spots or Pudsey ears are optional. Lessons will continue as normal including swimming so, if you are going swimming, please make sure you wear something that is easy to change in and out of. If you would like to make a donation please would you send donations directly to the charity rather than bringing money to school. We hope the children enjoy the day.
Have a lovely weekend and I am looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.
Kind regards, Mrs S Robinson

Absence: It is your responsibility to phone the school office by 9am each day your child is absent. Please leave a voicemail if there is no answer.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS WILL RESULT IN FINES.



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The school target for this academic year is 97%