

## Useful Websites

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1)

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/>

## Year 5 and 6 Autumn Term Awesome Ancestors: Overview Subject Focus – History

## Using our locality

Beer Community Committee –

World War 1 exhibition

Local war memorial

**Science:** The children will be learning about life cycles and the stages of life in humans. They will focus on humans and discover the importance of exercise and nutrition on the body and particularly focus on the circulatory system. They will learn the structure and function of the heart and how the different vessels transport blood. They will also learn about things that have a negative impact on health such as drugs, smoking, alcohol and poor diet.

### HISTORY:

The children will be learning about the impact of World War 1 on our community. They will be exploring census materials from Ancestry.com and other historical evidence to write biographies about the local people who fought in the war. The children will learn about the events that led to the outbreak of war and about some of the key battles that took place. They will learn about life in the trenches and discover the power of propaganda.

### COMPUTING:

The children will be using Ancestry.com to explore historical records as well as using other websites to research events during World War 1. They will learn to use different presentation skills to enhance their work.

**MATHS:** In Maths, the children will continue to develop mastery through developing key skills and learn how to represent their ideas in different ways including visually.

Year 6 will develop their understanding of place value before looking at the four operations, fractions and geometry.

Year 5 will also begin with place value and then focus on addition and subtraction, data handling and multiplication and division.

### Links to:

#### Core Values:

Thankfulness – being grateful for the lives we have and the sacrifices of others.

#### Learning Behaviour:

Reflectiveness – reflecting on achievement, evaluating progress.

#### Spirituality:

What is sacrifice? How does it affect us?

**Key Learning Outcome:**  
The Children will contribute their research projects/biographies to the Village Exhibition.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Our main focus in RE this half term will be centred on the faith of Hinduism. The children will be exploring the idea of life being a pathway towards one goal – Moksha and appreciating there is more than one way to the top. They will explore Hindu stories and discover spiritual pathways (yogas). During the second half term, the children will be exploring Christianity and the belief in incarnation. This will lead up to our Christmas celebrations.

**PSHE:** The children will discuss issues on the theme of 'New Beginnings'. They will explore their sense of belonging and discuss what it feels like to start something new or face challenge. They will explore how to manage their feelings as well as empathising with others.

**PE:** This term, the children will be improving their tactical awareness and knowledge of attack and defence strategies in Invasion games. They will also be improving fitness through circuit training challenges and learning to improve balance and control.

**DESIGN TECHNOLOGY:** The children will be reading recipes from World War 1. They will learn about rationing and how this affected the food that was produced. They will create dishes following recipes and then, using only the ingredients available at the time, will design and make their own dishes.

**ART:** The children will be exploring Propaganda Art and designing and creating their own posters. They will also be responding to war poetry through art work depicting life in the trenches.

**MUSIC:** The children will learn songs from the period and discover how the songs were used to lift spirits and even encourage men to sign up. They will learn music notation and play the songs on recorder/ukulele.

### Literacy Links:

**Biographies:** The children will be writing biographies of the service men and women remembered on our local war memorial.

**Narrative:** War Horse – The children will be reading War Horse by Michael Morpurgo and writing their own stories inspired by the book.