

Topic and English

Autumn

For the first half term, we will be looking at **World War 1**, focusing on the key events leading to the start of the war and life in the trenches. During the topic, the children will have the opportunity to undertake a **local history project** whereby we will find out more about the names on the Hagley War Memorial. In Science, we will be investigating **materials and their properties**. In the second half of the term, we will begin to look at different **forces** in relation to flight. Throughout the term, opportunities will be provided for the children to develop their skills in art and computing linked to the concept of conflict, remembrance and WW1.

During our English lessons, we begin by using *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo to unpick description and show empathy towards characters. Children will produce a recount of Thomas Peaceful's school experience. To link with our topic, children explore life in the trenches and write diary entries and letters from the perspective of a soldier. Throughout these units of work, children will develop their writing and reading skills and engage in opportunities of drama.