



# Sycamore classroom news!

## What we are learning...

### Topic:

This term we will be looking at World War One. This ties in with our class book, which is *Private Peaceful* by Michael Murpurgo.

We will be looking at the conditions of soldiers during the war, how it all started and how it affected the residents of Church Fenton. The children will have the opportunity to visit the war memorial at St Mary's Church, which has names of all the fallen soldiers from Church Fenton during both world wars.

### English

This term we will be linking much of our English work with the book *Private Peaceful*. The children will be exploring war time poetry and writing their own. We will also be looking at telling the stories and writing letters from soldiers who were stationed in the trenches.

Please see the spellings list which has been sent home for information on key spellings this term.

### Our values

This half term at Kirk Fenton Primary School we are focusing on the values....

Thankfulness and Respect

### Maths

In maths, we will be looking at more multiplication and division, as well as learning about graphs and how to interpret them, and finally looking at measurement.

We will be revisiting rounding at the end of the year, as this was a tricky concept for many pupils. Therefore, any opportunity to allow your children to round money when shopping or rounding numbers outside of school would be very beneficial for consolidation.

### Reminders:

We will continue to do indoor P.E on a Wednesday morning and outdoor P.E on Thursday afternoons. Please could you ensure that all children have a labelled kit in school these days.

Spellings for this half term have been sent home. Tests will be on Mondays.

Much of the maths we are covering involves the children knowing their multiplication tables. TTrackstars is an excellent resource in assisting children with their timetables. Each week I will pick a TTrackstar of the week based on their improvement, the number of correct (not counting incorrect) or the number of games played. I'm sure your child will inform you of the criteria for each week.

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of November** - Children in Need/Diabetes Day (Non-uniform or dress as a superhero)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** - Friends EGM

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 3:15** - Christmas Fair

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Y4, Y5, Y6 Christmas concert