

# From the Trent to the Trenches....

I would like to start by saying a very warm welcome back to all of the children in Year 4 and their parents! I am thrilled to be teaching the children again and am looking forward to making more memories with them. This term is already looking to be a very exciting (and busy) one. This year has been named the "This Year I WILL...." and our first topic will get the ball rolling in great style!

The children's topic this term is called 'Strive, Thrive and Remember' and will be focused on what life was like for the people of Nottingham during the First World War and how we will remember the legacy this generation have left behind. In our History sessions we will be learning about the events which started WW1 and the impact it had upon the lives of people in Nottingham. We will learn more about life in the trenches and create our own propaganda war posters.

Our Science sessions will give us the opportunity to learn more about the water cycle as we investigate the types of weather observable in the WW1 trenches. We will also be investigating the impact that WW1 had upon the diet of people in Nottingham. We will learn more about the digestive system and human teeth.

In our English lessons we will be reading two key texts, *The Incredible Book Eating Boy* by Oliver Jeffers, this will support our science work on the digestive system and *'Archie's War'* which is the story of a young boy's experiences in WW1. Both texts will provide the children with opportunity to engage in drama, improve their writing stamina and sentence structure further.

Mrs McGurk will be teaching both RE and Geography in Year 4 on Thursdays this term. In RE the children will be learning about important people in the Bible and in our own families. We will also be learning how Christians are called by God and we prepare for Jesus' coming during Advent.

In Geography we will be learning about the European countries involved in WW1 and comparing Nottingham with some regions in France.

We will be using class I-pads to update you on work in class ([brwacademy.com](http://brwacademy.com)) and each child will have chance to 'Embrace the Case'. Watch this space for more details!

In Art the children will be learning more about Great Artist from the past, particularly the WW1 artist Paul Nash. In remembrance of those who lost their lives in WW1, the children will be completing a commemorative piece and in D&T we will also be making 'soup for soldiers' packed with healthy ingredients.

Music will be inspired by the sounds of the era as they listen to live recordings from the period. Hymn Practice will also continue on a weekly basis, as will music lessons.

In MFL the children will be learning to ask and answer simple questions in French whilst learning to write some words and

## Dates for your diary...

<b>Mass of Welcome</b>	<b>16.9</b>
<b>Parents</b>	<b>9.10</b>
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>19.10</b>
<b>Year 4 Assembly</b>	<b>16.11</b>
<b>Advent Celebration</b>	<b>3.12</b>
<b>Carols Around the Tree</b>	<b>19.12</b>
<b>School Closes for Christmas</b>	<b>21.12</b>



## PE—DANCE, INVASION GAMES AND A 'K A DAY

BRW are committed to active learning. As part of this commitment Year 4 will be taking part in a 'K a Day' from September 2018. Our aim is to increase our energy and fitness levels by engaging in regular movement and activity breaks. On a daily basis the children, alongside myself and the Year 4 team, will be putting our active feet forwards every day to engage in walking or jogging one kilometer a day. In support of this, please ensure your child has trainers in school daily. They will also need a water proof jacket in school in order that we can remain active even when the weather worsens.

Further more, Year 4 will be engaging in Dance sessions this term. They will be preparing a dance which showcases the themes of unity and courage. In addition to this, the children will be taking part in Invasion Games with myself on a weekly basis. Once we have built our skills in invasion games such as basketball and football we will have chance to showcase them as we re-create our own 'Christmas Day Football Match' in the BRW trenches before the end of term. Year 3 and 4 will compete together as a house competition at the end of the term. Details to follow in due course.



# STRIVE, THRIVE & REMEMBER

In support of our topic and our aim to remember the courageous actions of those during WW1 we are going to take on our own personal challenges on a class visit to Go Ape. During the visit the children will have the opportunity to take part in a low or high ropes balance challenge. The children are already very excited and are looking forward to the opportunity to challenge themselves and they strive to complete the rope course! Further details will be sent home soon.

If you are interested in supporting the children on the day, please inform myself or the school office.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

### Homework and Reading

Your child will continue to receive homework each week. Homework will be set on a Tuesday/Wednesday and should be brought into school the following week on the Monday. It will be used for class discussions and follow-up work during the lessons that week. A list of spellings will be given out each week and spelling/multiplication fact quiz will take place each Monday in the Autumn term.

Reading should occur each night at home or as often as possible. Once a few pages have been read, please ask your child questions about the text to check they have understood. Please remind your child to change their reading book when required.

Extra tasks or class projects may be set throughout the term. Details of these will continue to be written in your child's Homework Diary. The Homework Diary should be brought into school every day and **MUST** be checked and signed each week after homework is completed. **Please encourage your child to read at home, complete their homework and learn their spellings/timetables.**

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to **thank you in advance** for your support and co-operation in Year 4. I hope your child finds the final term in Year 4 fun-filled, happy and successful!

Mrs Henderson

