

Friday 29th September, 2023.



# Rufford Class

## What have we been learning about this week?

This week, we have started reading 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' and we have learnt about Ben and Ray, who were soldiers in World War One. Our writing focus is letters and we are working hard on our punctuation and vocabulary in order to write our own letters from the perspective of a soldier.

In Maths, we have been using a number line to show numbers and have then been ordering and comparing numbers and objects using more than, less than and equal signs.

Some children continue to struggle with place value and recognising numbers, not being able to write a number that is said. Work with a grown up on this - ask them "what does thirty seven look like as a number?"

In Science, we thought about what living things need in order to be alive and have been discussing things in the playground, identifying whether they are living, dead or have never been alive. We looked at trees, insects and bricks to name a few!

In PSHE, we were thinking about what causes arguments between friends and how these arguments make us feel. We will be looking more at conflict resolution next week.

In Art, we have studied the shapes of facial features and have practiced sketching these in preparation for our soldier sketches starting next week!

## Spellings

next	most
each	many
say	these

## Homework Task

I was very impressed with the posters on animal adaptation and habitats - there were some really creative and detailed pieces! Thank you so much for the effort and commitment, it really helps to consolidate our learning in class by completing these tasks.

The homework task this week is to research facts about World War One in order to prepare you for our letter writing next week. You might be able to find some good websites to use or a book that has lots of information in. What were the trenches like? What was the weather like? Write down anything you find interesting and you can use it in our English lessons next week.

Please bring these to school or email them to [rufford@st-lukes.notts.sch.uk](mailto:rufford@st-lukes.notts.sch.uk) by **Wednesday 4th October**.

## Reading Books

Thank you to those who have been returning reading books on a Monday and documenting three reads. Please continue with this, but let me know if you are having any problems fitting reading in at home.

Reading books will be changed every Monday. Diaries will be stamped and a sticker will be placed on each bookmark if three reads have taken place that week. These bookmarks are displayed in class and a prize is received if reading is completed on time each half term!

**The spelling test is on Wednesday 4th October. Remember to practise!**