



## Year 6 The First World War

What was the impact of WWI on our local area?

At Merridale, history, geography, art and design and technology are taught through a topic based approach which we call discover.

### History

In History, we will extend our historical knowledge beyond 1066. We will look at the causes of WWI. Then, we will learn about the daily life of the soldiers in the trenches and how men were persuaded to join the army. In addition, we will learn about the important role animals played in WWI. They look at the impact WWI had on the local area through the lives of local soldiers and factories. In addition, we will see how WWI impacted the development of aircraft.

#### Key figures they will learn about include:

Franz Ferdinand      The Wright brothers      Walter Tull

### Geography

In geography, children will be focusing on the continent of Europe. We will build on our locational knowledge when learning what countries make up Europe. In particular, we will be exploring how the geography of Europe and bordering countries has changed since WWI. Our target is to be able to label as many countries in Europe as possible!

They will learn about the physical features of Europe and name the major mountain ranges. The children will also explore Europe's climate.

### Art and Design

Children will study the work of Christopher Nevinson and the Futurism and Cubism art movements. They will identify features of these styles and create their own versions. They will develop their skills using acrylic paint and comparing this to watercolour. We will then experiment blending using different brush strokes to create a desired effect.



Find out about Nevinson here:

Remember to share with your teacher any extra learning you have completed at home!

### Activities to complete at home

- Research a famous figure from our key figure list in History and create a timeline of their life.
- Practice labelling the countries of Europe on a blank map
- Research Europe's climate and create a poster. How does it compare to the Malawi?
- Can you create a non-chronological report about the mountain ranges in Europe?
- Research Europe's geography and create a PowerPoint presentation about your findings.
- Create an animation to explain what life was like for the soldiers during WWI and the importance of animals.
- Create a poster showing how WWI has changed our lives. How would our life be different if we lost the war?
- Create a model aircraft of a WWI plane.
- Create a digital version of one of Nevinson's Bursting Shell.
- Create your own timeline about the key events in WWI.