



Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018

We are proud to present a special remembrance edition newsletter from the Westpark in the News workshop group. We have been working hard to create a newsletter during workshop time and here it is. We hope you all enjoy!

Interview with Mr Watson about Westpark Remembers

1. Do you wear poppies for remembrance?

I often don't because I feel that they are often used as a symbol for glorifying war. However, this is something that I find quite difficult because people may think badly of me for this.

2. Why is it important that we wear poppies at this time of year?  
Why do we sell them in school each year?

Families and individuals suffer as a consequence of war in the past and in the present. The poppies should be a symbol for this suffering and a symbol to end war. The money raised goes to support families and servicemen/women affected by war.

3. Why are we doing a whole school project this year? Why is it about remembrance?

For me it is a project about peace and why it is important, not just in the past but today too.

4. Why is it important that we all learn about WW1 specifically?

This was the first mechanised war, where millions of people died. It affected millions and millions of family members across Europe. It also led to a solid global attempt to establish peace through and it led to the creation of the UN and EU.

5. What is the main thing that you want all of us to learn about war/remembrance/peace?

I want you all to know that WW1 affected a large number of people and although the world was very different, the effects of war today are the same in many ways.

Reported by Kole Chapman

Fast Facts about WW1...

You had to learn some sign language so that you could communicate from far away.

Soldiers, covered their feet with grease as it prevents trench foot.

Most of the trenches were very damp.

The main countries involved were Britain, France, Germany, Serbia, Austria-Hungary and Russia.

Soldiers would sometimes pretend to be dead on the ground if they were about to be shot.

To detect any soldier tunneling in the trenches, you would put a stick in the ground and put one side of your teeth in it and check if there were any vibrations.

On night raids, soldiers took silent weapons.

Reported by Ruby Gregory and Adrius Urbonas

## World News

### America

They celebrate Veterans' Day at this time and break out flags and eat hot dogs wearing red, white and blue.

### Australia and New Zealand

They start the day with a commemorative service at dawn followed by marches of former military men and women.

### England

The royal family assembled outside for a moment silence.

### Germany

Remembrance Day here is a national day of mourning. The president gives a speech alongside the chancellor.

### Belgium

Like the UK, Belgium celebrates Armistice Day on November 11th. However, it is recognised as a national holiday, meaning most government agencies, banks and shops are closed on the day.

### Denmark

Veterans' Day is held, where past and present members of the armed forces, who have done service in armed conflict, are remembered.

### Italy

Soldiers who died for the nation are remembered on 4 November, when the ceasefire that followed the Armistice of Villa Giusti in 1918 began. The Day is known as the Day of National Unity Day of the Armed Forces.

Reported by Josie Winton



Photographed by Emma MacGregor and Ruby Gregory

Review of Private Peaceful

Private Peaceful is about a young boy, living in WW1 times, named Thomas Peaceful who has a big secret. He can't tell anyone about his secret. He is scared, scared of anyone finding out.

I really liked this book because of the insight that it gives you into life during WW1.

This book is suitable for children around P6 and adults will really enjoy it also.

Michael Morpurgo is the author. He writes novels for older children and always writes about mature and serious issues such as war. Other novels by him include War Horse, Farm Boy, The Butterfly Lion and many more.

I give this book 5 poppies because it always makes you want to read more and I think it might make readers fully realize how serious and awful war is.

Reported by Ruby Gregory

Review of The Butter Battle

This is a fictional picture book about war and is great for young children. It comes from the amazing mind of Dr. Seuss and is a wonderful mixture of lovely illustrations, wacky characters and wonderful rhyming words. The rhyming is good because it will help you spell things you don't know by using other words that rhyme.

Dr. Seuss is a very famous children's author with lots of similarly wonderfully fun books to his name. Lots of his books have even become movies including The Cat in the Hat, The Lorax, Horton Hears a Who, How The Grinch Stole Christmas etc.

I give this book 4 poppies out of 5 because I thought it was funny and I'm sure that younger children would really enjoy it.

Reported by Emma MacGregor

Review of Green Lizards and Red Rectangles

The green lizards and the red rectangles are at war in this brilliant children's picture book. But what exactly are they fighting about? Can there be peace again between the lizards and the rectangles? This is a story about war and peace and is a great read this Remembrance Day!

I give this book 5 poppies because it can teach young readers about war and peace in a fun way.

Reported by Bobby-Joe Johnstone and Damien McKinnon

Westpark Remembers Wordsearch

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e	a	d	h	o	a	p	p	a	r
n	r	a	r	r	i	o	g	y	o
c	t	c	a	i	p	d	c	o	b
h	i	d	w	a	r	t	i	m	e
e	m	e	b	l	d	e	s	c	t
s	p	e	a	c	e	f	p	p	r
f	e	s	r	e	i	d	l	o	s

Poppy	Trenches	Gasmasks
War	Peace	Memorial
Remember	Soldiers	Wartime

Jokes

What's the best the about Switzerland?  
I don't know but the flag is a big plus!

England is playing Iceland tomorrow.  
If they win, they will play Asda on Saturday and Tesco on Tuesday!

Why did the banana go to the doctors?  
Because it wasn't peeling well!

Why did the skeleton not want to go to the ball?  
Because he had NO BODY to go with!

Why did the skeleton go to the chinese?  
To get SPARE RIBS!

Why do ghost never tell lies?  
Because you can see right through them!