



## YEAR 2

**ENGLISH** - We have continued to think about soldiers who fought in the Great Wars. We wrote from the soldiers point of view, describing what they would have heard, seen and felt when they were in the trenches.

This week's common exception words are:- **could should would who whole**

**MATHS** — We have started to subtract using the column method where exchange/swop is needed.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{T Ones} \\ 35 \\ -17 \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} \text{T Ones} \\ 23 \\ -17 \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} \text{T Ones} \\ 23 \\ -17 \\ \hline 18 \end{array}$$

Starting with the ones, you cannot take 7 from 5 so you need to exchange/swop one of the tens and place it in the ones column making 15.

You can then take 7 from 15 = 8 which we write in the ones column.

Then move onto the tens column 2 takeaway 1 = 1

So our answer is 18.

Thank you for those who have offered to help with our walks next week.



## YEAR 1

**ENGLISH** - Year 1 have had fun using the 'Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs' story to inspire them to write instructions. Each sentence started with a 'time word,' First / Then / Next / After that / Finally

**MATHS, SCIENCE and MUSIC** - The children are continuing to note the autumnal changes in our weather and in nature and have enjoyed listening to Vivaldi's 'Autumn'.

**Shape of the Week - Pentagon** - How many straight sides does a pentagon have?

**HISTORY and ART** - Having talked about this Sunday being the 100th anniversary of Remembrance Sunday, the children each made poppies using red tissue to contribute to the school display.



**\*\*Assembly words\*\*** Over the next few weeks your child may bring home assembly words in their yellow diary. If they do, please help them to learn their words off by heart. Their class assembly is for the rest of the school. Parents do not attend these assemblies. Thank you for your support.

## FOUNDATION STAGE

In Maths we have looked at repeating patterns. We have made lots of different two or three colour patterns using different objects. See if you can make any patterns at home.

In phonics we have focussed on 'j', 'v', 'w' and 'x'. Keep remembering to practise letter names as well as sounds.

In RE this week we have talked about being welcomed into God's family. We have learnt how a baby is baptised.

Thank you to this week's Mystery Guest, Mr Garwood. The children really enjoyed listening to your story.



**PA NEWS** Keep an eye out for information and updates on the PA Facebook page and website ([www.pta-events.co.uk/st-Helens](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/st-Helens)).

**Christmas Card Fundraiser - Important Check your orders!** - All orders have been sent home with children. Please can everyone double check their orders and contact the PA with any queries by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We will **not** be able to raise any order queries with the Card Company after 16<sup>th</sup>. All queries to Nina ([sthelenspta@gmail.com](mailto:sthelenspta@gmail.com)).

**Coffee at the Cathedral! Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - Coffee after 9.30am mass will be hosted by St Helen's PA, please join us for a cuppa and cake! We will be raising money for the Poppy Appeal.

**AGM - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November - 7.30pm - Junior School Hall**

**The PA need you!** All parents and guardians are invited to come along to the AGM to celebrate our fundraising success and elect this year's committee members. We would really like to see as many parents and guardians as possible present at the AGM so please join us for a glass of wine and find out about your PA and how you can support our schools.

**Fizzy Festive Pop Up Shop! Grown Up's Only! - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 7pm - 9pm - Junior School Hall**

See attached flyer - Please come along and support our fabulous Christmas Pop Up Shop and enjoy an evening of shopping, mince pies, mulled wine & Fizz! There will be lots of fantastic gifts from our local businesses on offer. Friends and family all welcome!

**Children's Christmas Events - Held During School Time**

- Christmas Shopping Event - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Junior School
- Christmas Fun Day - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Infant School

**Volunteer Helpers Required** - We need lots of volunteer helpers to run the Children's Christmas events. Help is required not only to run the event on the day but also help with preparations leading up to the event e.g. wrapping presents as well as set up the night before each event. Please contact us ([sthelenspta@gmail.com](mailto:sthelenspta@gmail.com)) if you can help.

**Christmas Donation - Christmas Fun Day** - This year we are looking for donations of Children's books (good condition, no tears scribbles) and soft washed teddies and furry friends. Please note we will **not** be collecting used toys for the Fun Day. **Hamper Raffle** - Please send in bottles of spirits, chocolates, Christmas themed food items (**sell by date must be after 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018**), new children's toys, children's and adult gift sets, gift cards, toiletry sets etc.

Please leave all donated items at the **Junior school office only** and a member of the PA will collect them.