

### **English – Poetry with Purpose**

Our focus has been on **list poems inspired by life in the WW1 trenches**. The children explored the thoughts and feelings of soldiers during this challenging time, imagining what might have been in their pockets and hearts. Their poems were deeply moving and thought-provoking, showing empathy and creativity as they captured the emotions of courage, hope, and longing. We are so proud of their thoughtful work!

### **Assessment Week**

This week has been all about **assessment**, and we couldn't be prouder of the children! They have shown incredible **hard work**, a **positive attitude**, and true **resilience** as they tackled each challenge. Well done to everyone for giving their best showing their perseverance and determination!

### **PE – Fantastic Netball Skills**

The children have shown **great skill and teamwork** during our netball sessions. It's wonderful to see everyone working together, encouraging each other, and demonstrating sportsmanship. Well done, team!

### **Forest School – Celebrating National Tree Week**

This week, we marked **National Tree Week** with some fantastic outdoor activities! The children planted seeds in **eco-friendly newspaper pots**, learning about sustainability and caring for our environment. We also created beautiful **tree decorations from cut logs**, combining creativity with nature. To finish, we enjoyed **whittling sticks for marshmallows**, which we toasted over the fire — a real highlight!

### **UK Parliament Week – A Special Visit**

We were delighted to welcome **Simon Hoare MP** to our school as part of **UK Parliament Week**. The children learned about the **role of Parliament and government**, exploring how decisions are made and why democracy matters. The session was **fun, informative, and interactive**, with plenty of opportunities for the children to get involved. They asked thoughtful questions during the **Q&A session**, showing curiosity and confidence. It was a fantastic way to bring learning to life and inspire future leaders!

### **Exciting Opportunities – Bikeability & Orienteering**

Some of our children have taken part in **Bikeability**, developing confidence and safety skills for cycling on the road. Others enjoyed an **orienteering challenge**, combining map-reading with teamwork and problem-solving. Both activities were brilliant ways to learn, stay active, and have fun outdoors. Well done to everyone who took part!

### **PTFA News – Exciting Events Ahead!**

We're thrilled for the **KS2 disco this evening** — a fantastic way to kick off the festive season! Don't forget, our **Christmas Raffle** is coming up soon. Make sure you **get your tickets** for a chance to win some amazing prizes!

And for those feeling creative, join us for the **Christmas Wreath Workshop** on **Saturday 6th December**. It's a wonderful opportunity to make something beautiful and festive — remember to **sign up** to secure your spot!

Mrs Bolar, Mrs Salisbury and Millie the Dog

