



Year 5 — Summer Term 1

France (Fallen Fields)

History: WW1



Key Vocabulary	
alliance	a person, group, or country that has joined with another for a particular purpose.
Allied forces	the main Allied powers were Great Britain, The United States, China, and the Soviet Union.
assassination	the murder of a public figure.
Central powers	The Central Powers changed over the course of the war but among the main members were Germany and Austria-Hungary.
trench	a trench is a long, narrow ditch. It is like a tiny valley. Trench warfare has often been used in defence.
war	war is a situation or a period of fighting between countries or groups of people.
weapons	an object or device used to attack or defend.

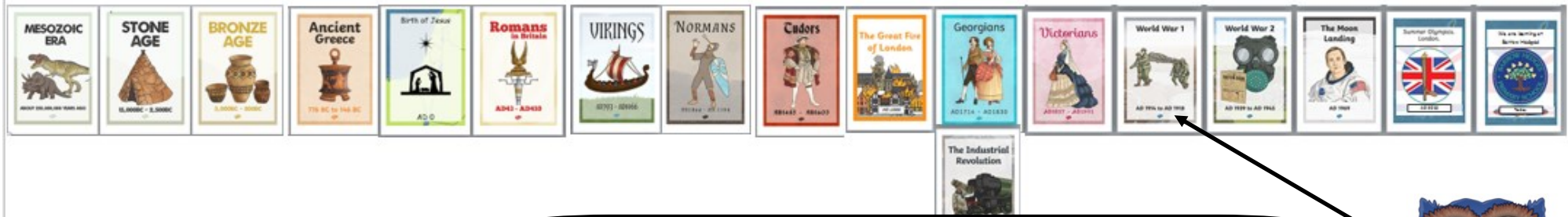
Key Facts	
What caused the First World War?	There were many causes of the war. As lots of countries had made alliances (promising to protect each other if another country attacked), when Austria's crown prince was shot, and Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, lots of other countries became involved.
What was life like on the Western Front?	A lot of the war was fought in trenches. These could be muddy and cold in Winter and soldiers often had lice or infections such as Trench Foot.
What advancements in warfare occurred during WWI?	Many new forms of weaponry were developed during the First World War such as aeroplanes, tanks and machine guns. Other technology (such as telephones and chemical weapons) became more widely used.
How were animals involved in WWI?	Animals could be used for transport (such as horses and donkeys). Other animals (including cats, dogs, pigeons and camels) were also used to detect bombs, find and care for the wounded and send messages.
What was life like for the people in Britain during WWI?	While many men were away fighting, lots of their jobs were filled by women. There was also rationing, which meant that some food was less readily available than it had been in peace time.
How did the war end and what happened afterward?	After the USA joined the Allied forces in 1918, the scales were tipped in their favour and by the November, an armistice was agreed by all sides.
How did WW1 impact Europe and the wider world?	Over 30 nations declared war between 1914 and 1918 from all over the world. This is why it is considered a World War.

This half term, our Big Question is...

What was it like to live through World War One?



Where does it fit in to the big story?



Your learning is represented by this section of our Key Stage Two timeline. Can you see any of the other themes you have already looked at? Can you think of other battles and wars that you have learned about in those themes?



What do we already know?

So far...

In year 4, you learned about the different invasions and battles that led to the Normans conquering Britain in 1066.

Over your time at school, you have learned how people from around Europe have impacted on life in Britain through migration and the sharing of ideas and cultures.

In Year 5, you began to explore how different people have viewed historical events in different ways.

Key Date

28th June 1914

Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria is assassinated. This is seen as one of the major causes of the First World War.

