Northgate Primary School Year 5 Knowledge Organiser

The First World War

Glossary	
The Triple Entente	The side of the war that included Great Britain, Russia and France.
The Triple Alliance	The side of the war that included Germany, Austria-Hungary and their allies.
empire	A group of nations ruled over by a powerful sovereign or government.
alliance	An agreement between countries to protect each other.
assassination	The action of killing a prominent person.
colonisation	Settling and establishing control over the native people of an area.
trench	Long ditches dug in the ground where soldiers lived during the war.
front line	The part of the army closest to the enemy.
home front	The people who stay in a country and work while that country's soldiers are fighting in a war in a foreign country.
rationing	A means of ensuring the fair distribution of food and commodities when they were scarce.
commemoration	Remembering or honouring a person or past event.
Remembrance Day	Takes place on 11th November every year.

Overview

In this unit we will learn about the First World War which started in 1914 and ended in 1918. We will look at some of the causes of the war and how the soldiers lived during the war. We will think about the impact the war had on Bridgwater and the local area including rationing and the building of war memorials. We will research soldiers that fought in the war that were from Bridgwater too.

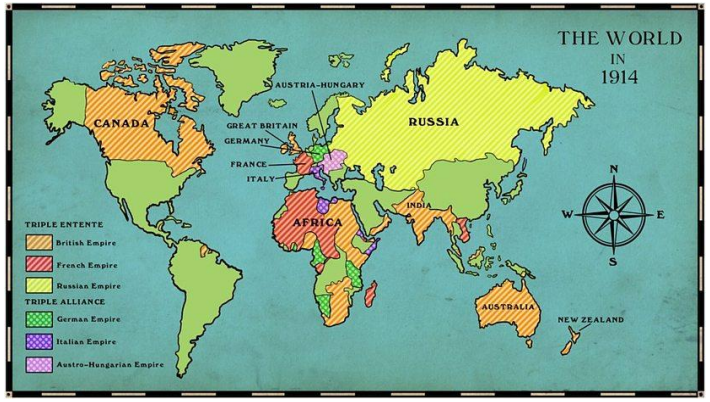


Links to previous knowledge	
Y1	Local history of carnival
Y3	Hazards in the local area
Y4	Local history of Bridgwater

Useful Websites
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqhyb9q
https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks1--ks2-ww1-a-to-z/zmcdpg8
https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/first-world-war/
https://bridgwater-tc.gov.uk/history/early-20th-century/first-world-war/

Causes of the First World War

- Colonisation of Africa – During this time, many European countries took control of land in Africa. Britain and France were considered powerful because of the land they controlled.
- Alliances – Alliances were formed across Europe where countries agreed to help each other in conflict if they were attacked. This created tensions in Europe.
- Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand – The heir to the throne in Austria-Hungary was assassinated during his visit to Serbia.



This map shows the empires and alliances in Europe before the outbreak of war in 1914.

Impact of the First World War on Bridgwater

- Soldiers – Lots of men from Bridgwater had to help fight during the war.
- Memorials – After the war, the war memorial in Kings Square was built.



- Women and Children – With the men away at war, lots of women and children were needed on farms and in factories to keep the economy going.
- Rationing – Farmers in Bridgwater had to give up livestock as part of rationing.
- Fundraising – People in Bridgwater raised money to help the army build aircrafts.
- Hospital – Bridgwater Hospital helped to look after injured and wounded servicemen.

Life in the Trenches

During the war, soldiers lived in the trenches. These were long ditches dug into the ground that they could climb out of to fight when ordered. Life was not always comfortable for the soldiers. For example, when the weather was bad they had to trudge through mud and some got a disease called trench foot. However, soldiers would rally together to sing songs and play games to help them get through the war. Soldiers would write home about their experiences in the trenches.

