

# SYCAMORE CLASS

## Summer Term 2018

### LITERACY

Stay Where You Are & Then Leave is the tale of Alfie Summerfield, a boy whose father is swept up in the excitement of August 1914 and joins the army. Alfie's dad writes to his wife and son from the trenches, but after a couple of years the letters stop coming. According to Alfie's mum, that's because dad is "on a secret mission for the government". Alfie, however, suspects she might be lying and sets out to uncover the truth. At first he doesn't get far in unravelling the mystery. Times are hard: his mum works as a nurse but can't make ends meet, so Alfie starts bunking off school to help out, earning money as a shoeshine boy at King's Cross station. Then he has an amazing stroke of luck: one of his customers is an army doctor whose papers are blown away by the wind; Alfie helps to retrieve them, and in the process discovers the true whereabouts of his father.

The children will have the opportunity to write in role, draft and write poetry, diary entries, telegram, propaganda posters, argument, instruction writing.

Through discussions, conscience alley and hot seating the children will delve deeper into the understanding of each character and the effect of the war on everyone's lives.

### READING

Our Power of Reading Text for this term is Stay where you are and then leave by John Boyne.

### MATHS

In Summer 1, Year 4 will be learning about measurement, angles, shapes, position and direction. Children will have opportunities to explore the concepts practically, before moving on to fluency, problem solving and reasoning.

### SCIENCE

In Science this term, we are looking at energy and sound. We will be conducting different experiments to test the changes of energy. We will also be thinking about how sound is created and how it moved through the air.