

**St Lawrence Primary School Knowledge Organiser – Year 5, Autumn 2**  
**World War One**

Vocabulary/Glossary		The Start of WW1	The Western Front		
<b>Alliance</b>	When countries join forces or work together to achieve a certain goal	<p>Before the outbreak of war, tensions were high in Europe. Many countries had formed <b>alliances</b>, the main ones being <b>The Triple Entente</b> and <b>The Triple Alliance</b>.</p> <p><b>June 1914</b>: a trip to Sarajevo resulted in the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand being assassinated by a Serbian assassin. The Austro-Hungarian declared war on Serbia, with the support of their alliance with Germany on <b>28<sup>th</sup> July 1914</b>. Germany declared war on France on <b>3<sup>rd</sup> August 1914</b>. Germany invaded Belgium which angered Great Britain. Great Britain declared war on Germany on <b>4<sup>th</sup> August 1914</b>. WW1 had begun.</p>	<p>This was where most of the fighting took place in North-Eastern France and Belgium. Germany tried to control France quickly before moving east to conquer Russia.</p> <p>Deep <b>trenches</b> were dug by both sides with a space in between known as '<b>No-Man's Land</b>'. These trenches stretched for miles. '<b>No-Man's Land</b>' was a dangerous place and was often covered by craters caused by <b>artillery</b> shells exploding.</p> <p><b>Trenches</b> proved to be excellent defence against enemy fire. However, they made it extremely difficult to attack the enemy. Going 'over the top' of the <b>trenches</b> proved terrifying. Many battles occurred along this '<b>front line</b>'.</p> <p>Life in the <b>trenches</b> was dirty, smelly and dangerous. Soldiers would become infested with lice or suffer from '<b>trench foot</b>'.</p>		
<b>Treaty</b>	A written agreement between two or more countries				
<b>Armistice</b>	A formal agreement of warring parties to stop fighting				
<b>Triple Entente</b>	The military understanding reached by UK, France and Russia to fight				
<b>Triple Alliance</b>	The military understanding reached by Germany, Austria-Hungary and Ital				
<b>Conscription</b>	The requirement by law to join the armed forces	<b>Technology used in WW1</b>	<p><b>EUROPE 1914</b></p> <p><b>NATION ALLIANCES IN 1914</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Triple Alliance (Red)</li> <li>Triple Entente (Blue)</li> <li>Russian allies (Green)</li> </ul>		
<b>Front Line</b>	The area where the armies are engaged in fighting	<p>WW1 brought about serious changes in warfare. Technological advances were made on all sides.</p> <p><b>Machine Guns (MGs)</b> were a new weapon in WW1, used all along the Western Front. They could fire up to 600 bullets in 1 minute and were incredibly dangerous.</p> <p><b>Tanks</b> were first used by the British in the Battle of the Somme, 1916.</p> <p><b>Aeroplanes</b> were a new idea at the beginning of the war and were used to send information back about the enemy.</p> <p><b>Zeppelins</b> were long tube-shaped airships favoured by the Germans.</p> <p><b>U-Boats</b> were submarines in the war.</p> <p><b>Poisonous gas attacks</b> became common to help gain the upper hand.</p>			
<b>No Man's Land</b>	The area of land between two enemy trench systems	<b>How the war ended</b>			
<b>Trench</b>	Long ditches dug into the ground where soldiers lived and fought	<p>The USA joined the war effort in June 1917 and provided a much-needed boost to the <b>Triple Entente</b> countries. At the same time, Britain had set up a naval blockade which stopped any supplies of food or resources from reaching Germany. The <b>Allies</b> began the 100 days offensive in August 1918 which pushed the Germans back. In 1918, many of Germany's allies were leaving the war due to problems in their own countries. After the 100-day offensive, Germany agreed to sign the <b>Armistice</b>, signalling the end of the war.</p>		<p><b>TRENCH WARFARE CROSS SECTION</b></p>	
<b>Trench Warfare</b>	A type of fighting where both sides build deep trenches as a defence. The trenches stretched for miles				
<b>Trench foot</b>	A painful condition of the feet caused by long exposure in cold water or mud; some cases were so bad, feet were amputated				
<b>Western Front</b>	The area of fighting in Western Europe: the majority took place in north-eastern France and Belgium				
<b>Artillery</b>	Large guns that fire explosive shells over long distances				
<b>Infantry</b>	A branch of the army that engages in military combat on foot; known as 'foot soldiers'				