Year 5 Reading, Autumn 2: Private Peaceful, *Michael Morpurgo* (WW1)

Who was involved in WW1?

There were two main powers fighting during WW1, the Central Powers and the Allied Powers.

Central Powers

Germany

Austria-Hungary

Ottoman Empire

Allied Powers

Britain

France

Russia

USA

Why did WW1 happen?

One of the main triggers of WW1 was the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary. Austria-Hungary blamed Serbia for this killing, giving them an ultimatum – admit the murder, and give up independence and become part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Serbia rejected this, leading to Austria-Hungary declaring war only five days later, on 28th July 1914.
Although this was a key event, historians have said that this *alone* was not the single cause of WW1. Militarism, alliances, imperialism and nationalism were all factors leading to the break out of war.

Themes:
- Family
- Trust
- Loss
- War
- Love
- Power

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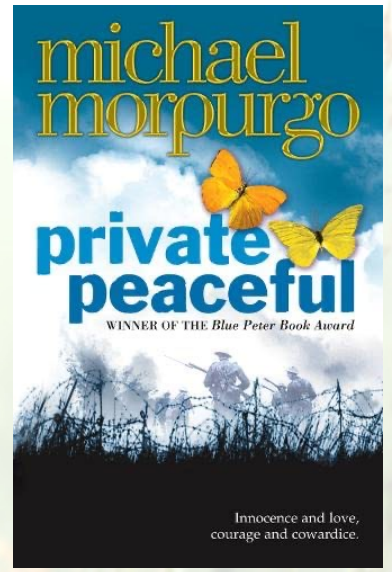

Dates:
28 July 1914
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11 November 1918

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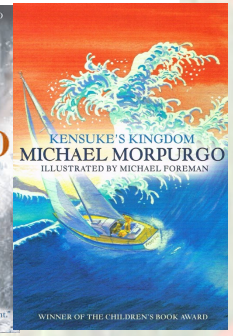
We will be:

- Asking and answering questions to improve understanding
- Retrieving information
- Making inferences and predictions
- Exploring themes

Key Vocabulary

- Militarism
- Alliance
- Imperialism
- Nationalism
- Assassination
- Central Powers
- Allied Powers
- Trenches
- Armistice
- Mutiny
- Cavalry

We're also reading (non-fiction):

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