

Year 5 Spring Newsletter

As we near the end of spring term, it is a chance for us to reflect on all the hard work that Year 5 have completed. The children have continued to make progress in a number of different subjects, and we have even managed to fit in our production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'.

The children have continued to study exceptionally hard and have produced excellent work, the displays in classrooms and around the school are a real showcase of the talents in our year group. We are very proud of all that they have achieved so far in year 5 and we are looking forward to the summer term. Here is just a snapshot of what we have been doing!



Maths



Once again, we have spent lots of time practising and improving arithmetic skills, helping the speed at which we are able to solve calculations. There has also been an emphasis on reasoning questions, encouraging the children to think about the different methods available to find answers to questions. They have been keen to develop different skills, such as trial and error, in the subject to help them solve the more challenging mathematical problems.

The children have continued to use Times Table Rockstars to help support them with their times tables and to build on their recall and fluency. Lots of areas have been covered including fractions, percentages, shape, area and perimeter. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 5.

During the spring term, we have been continuing to write for different purposes and for different audiences. The children have studied either 'The Good Thieves' and 'Rain Player' or continued with 'The Chocolate Tree'. These books have really inspired some fantastic writing and the children have produced a range of descriptive and informative pieces of work. In addition, there has been a focus on extending the children's reading comprehension skills, ensuring they are not only reading but also understanding the texts. This includes drawing inferences as well as considering the effect that the author is trying to achieve.

Literacy



Science



In Science this term, we have been learning about forces including gravity and air resistance. Science week was a hit with the children again this year. The visit from the birds of prey was a particular highlight. In Year 5 we learnt about the fastest creature in the world, the peregrine falcon! The children were also able to have a go with a whole variety of science equipment in our explore sessions. In the last few weeks we have been learning about life cycles in the natural world.



Topic and other subjects



Topic has been packed full of exciting lessons this term. During the first half term, we focused on our History learning about the Aztecs. The children learnt all about key dates/events within that time period and the way in which they used to live. They were really engaged and intrigued by the facts learnt in lessons and some good discussion took place in class. During the second half term, we studied 'All About America' for our Geography lessons. They developed their knowledge and understanding of human and physical features, map skills and comparing a region in the USA to their own. It has been great seeing the children learn about the world and applying the skills they learnt in autumn term to now.



In Art this term, the children have been exploring Native American art and its significance. We learnt about various symbols that were important in indigenous cultures which were then used on totem poles and various objects. The children demonstrated their artistic skills by creating the symbolic eagle and designing their very own personalised totem pole. The children also drafted a parfleche (suitcase) that was made by Native Americans as it was used to protect clothing, small tools and food when travelling.



Year 5 performed their production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. The children worked tirelessly during the term to learn their lines, songs and stage directions and put on three fantastic performances. Thank you to all of the adults for your support with these. All of the children's hard work really paid off and it was a fantastic show! We are so proud of them all.



And finally...

Year 5 have taken part in many different themed days this term. We have had the pleasure in taking part in 'Science Word Aware' day as part of World Book Day and the children's costumes and efforts really blew us away.



As you can see it has been another busy term for us all in Year 5. With just one term left, we would just like to thank the children for all their hard work and dedication this term. We have all been impressed with the positive attitude the children have shown so far this year. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic Easter holiday.



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