

Year 6 Spring newsletter

This term has been an exciting time for Year 6 and we continue to be impressed with how much hard work we can see children putting in. Among the highlights have been our Topic lessons, learning all about the history of the Maya people who along with the Geography of the USA. As we head towards SATs week beginning May 13th, we feel sure that the children will be really proud of their achievements and hard work.

Maths

In Maths we have been perfecting the children's skills in the written methods, making sure their calculations are speedy and accurate. In addition there has been a real focus on using and applying their understanding to help solve more complex problems. Among the other areas covered have been time problems, working on converting measures to different units and also understanding the fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents. We have also looked at the use of Roman numerals and the way in which it uses numbers in a different way to find a variety of totals.

Literacy

In Literacy we have been working on a wide range of different writing styles and the children have worked hard to adapt their work to suit the purpose and audience of the text. Meanwhile, we have focussed on the children's reading comprehension skills, ensuring they are not only reading but understanding the text and able to draw inferences from it. We have been practising answering questions on punctuation and grammar. We have also put lots of effort into remembering spelling patterns to improve spelling accuracy. There's an awful lot to cover in Literacy and it's been great to see so much effort and determination.



Science



In Science we have been investigating the properties of materials. We've considered why certain everyday items are made using a particular material. We've also looked at reversible and irreversible changes, looking especially at dissolving and solutions. Science Week really helped us to focus on our investigation skills and the children showed excellent team work in setting these up. Pupils also used their online research skills to find out about the lives and achievements of scientists through history. We also really enjoyed a range of hands on activities organised as part of Science Week.

Topic and other subjects

In Topic this term we have gone on a virtual journey to the Americas, firstly by learning about the history of the Maya, one of the great civilisations of Central America. Our Geography lesson then focussed on the United States of America. This covered the different time zones across this vast country as well as the human and physical features of different regions. Finally we compared US cities to Peterborough, considering industry, leisure and climate and weather.

In Computing we've worked on coding our own games using Scratch before moving on to an introduction to spreadsheets. This included creating our own formulae for organising a range of data. For Safer Internet Day we considered important ways to behave online and understanding the way that our personal information needs to be protected. Pupils continue to use Chromebooks to research and learn across all subjects.



During Art this term we have created a range of work using different techniques and mediums. We used powder paint as a way of working on our colour mixing skills and created different shades of secondary colours. We looked at the Wave by the Japanese artist Hokusai and created our own versions of this famous painting using water colours.

Year 6 have continued to impress us all this term with their attitude to the extra jobs and responsibilities they have. These include jobs in the library, showing visitors around the school and Peer Mediators. We also had children representing the school at a hockey festival as well as the First Lego League. They have represented the school with great maturity and should be really proud!



And finally...



In RE we have studied pilgrimage, looking at how different religions use this ritual in different ways. We have investigated Christian, Muslim and Buddhist journeys and the important part they play for the followers of these religions.

We would like to thank the children for all their hard work this term. All the adults who work with Year 6 have been impressed with the positive attitude that the children have shown this year. They should look forward to Year 7 and secondary school with a great deal of confidence. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic Easter holiday.

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