

Year 5 Summer Newsletter

It has been a great year for Year 5. As a team we have all been very proud and impressed with the effort all the children have put into this year, demonstrating they are ready for their last year at Hampton Hargate Primary School in Year 6. The children have taken part in various exciting activities and themed weeks this term including: Sports Week and Languages Week. They have the opportunity to further their learning by attending educational trips and having visitors coming into school to talk to them about specialist areas, such as life-saving First Aid.



Maths



In Maths, we have dedicated a significant amount of time to enhancing our arithmetic and problem-solving abilities in preparation for Year 6. The children have been diligently working on their fluency and accuracy with times tables and division facts, utilizing various tools such as TT Rockstars and Hit the Button to aid their learning. Additionally, we have continued to focus on improving mental maths skills to ensure the children can employ the most efficient and precise methods possible. Every class have worked exceptionally hard to grasp different mathematical concepts and develop their understanding of complex problems.

In English, the children have been exploring the text 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief,' working diligently to produce extended pieces of writing based on the book. They have examined various text types, including diary entries, descriptive writing, explanation texts, and non-chronological reports. This has allowed them to deepen their understanding of the Ancient Greeks, a topic we studied during the first half of the summer term. Additionally, the children have focused on different aspects of punctuation and grammar to enhance their writing. We have also concentrated on developing their comprehension skills, including understanding spelling rules and letter patterns. Above all, we aim to instil a love of literacy and help them read between the lines of a text. Throughout the year, we've exposed them to a range of fiction and non-fiction books to improve their spelling skills and foster a love of reading. We hope they will continue to enjoy the books they choose, reading both for pleasure and purpose.

English



Science



In Science we have explored Earth and Space, studying our solar system in detail and its components. We have had the opportunity to learn about the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. It was also enjoyable to discover how the Earth's rotation causes day and night. We have conducted investigations where we needed to act and think like true scientists in the classroom. At the beginning of the summer term, we had the opportunity to visit the National Space Centre as a part of the science curriculum. During the trip, we learnt all about space travel, astronauts, different technology used and being able to watch a Planetarium show.



Topic and other subjects

During the first half of the summer term, our topic of Ancient Greece gave us a unique insight into a time period in history known for its philosophy, sports and battle. We explored key events and placed these on a timeline, recognising the importance and influence that these have had on the modern day. It was also a lot of fun learning about the language, architecture and the different Gods and Goddesses. In the second half of the summer term we studied water and its uses. We looked at the journey rivers take, water in the local area, water as a resource, flooding and also learning all about the water cycle.

We have been busy in all subjects across the curriculum. In Art, we have looked at using different tonal shading in our work, as well as studying a variety of sketching and drawing techniques. We also used watercolours and oil pastels when we wanted to add colour to our self-portraits. DT lessons allowed us to further develop our creativity skills, where we designed mobile phone cases using a success criteria to ensure that the design brief was met.



Sports Week was a real highlight for us in Year 5. The children rose to the challenges which included skateboarding, problem solving activities, tennis and laser tag. Additionally, during Sports Day we were able to take part in competitive sporting activities such as the relay race, 100m sprint, obstacle courses and the egg and spoon race.



And finally...

Year 5 have worked incredibly hard this year and have risen to all challenges they have been faced with. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children for their determination and hard work throughout the year. We have been incredibly impressed with the enthusiasm and determination from each of them. It has been a pleasure teaching Year 5 and we would like to wish them all the luck for Year 6. We look forward to seeing you all across the hallway in the autumn term. Have a lovely summer break.

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