

Year 5 Class Newsletter

We have survived the first term back in school and what a term it has been. Year 5 have certainly taken on the challenge and are heading into the Christmas holidays on a high!



At the start of the term, Year 5 headed over to Cosby for the Victory Show where they learned about life in the trenches during WWI and different facts about WWII. There were hundreds of reenactors who taught the children about different weapons and war vehicles used, as well as facilities on site such as war hospitals. Many of the children came dressed up in costumes, which really looked amazing.



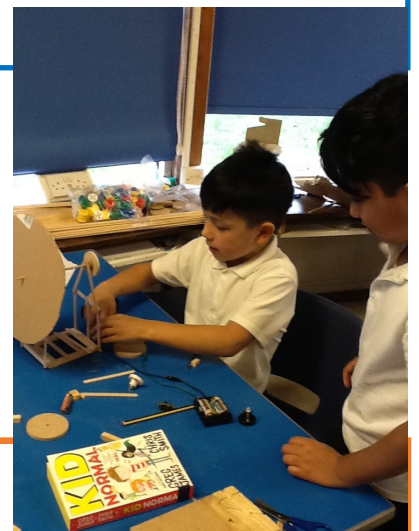
In November, we were lucky enough to have our own first air training. The class were given basic life saving skills, including CPR and the use of the recovery position. They also were let free using the bandages, which they were using to cover up wounds (and trick family at home).



In science, year 5 carried out a number of practical experiments, investigating the effect of different forces such as gravity, air resistance and friction. The children designed and built their own parachutes, set up gear chains and observed which objects would float and which ones wouldn't.

Louie and Thomas in particular were brilliant at explaining these scientific concepts to the class.

The second unit for this year has been Extreme Earth where we have learned about the layers of the Earth, Tectonic Plates and how these create volcanoes. Some excellent explanation texts were written. This is definitely an area of the curriculum a lot of the children enjoy learning



We started the term, learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, linking it to the learning in Year 4 about the Romans. They investigated whether or not the Vikings were actually as vicious as they were portrayed, studying artefacts and evidence from the past—we also discovered they actually never wore horned helmets #funfacts

Linked to this, in Design Technology the class designed and evaluated their own fairground rides. They were incredibly excited to get the drills and saws out. Some amazing problem solving was demonstrated. Particular stars of the lessons were Darcie Purple, Sophie and Anya. They made a mixture of swing seats, Ferris wheels and carousels. These even had their own working motors and pulley systems to make the rides go round. Such great application of both DT and Science.

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Personal Growth

This term our Personal Growth curriculum, where children focus on developing their life skills, both practical and emotional, was focused on 'Garden to Plate' during the first half term. Here we learned about the processes foods go through before hitting our plate, where in the world food comes from and modifying recipes to make our own.

After half term, Personal Growth was focused on Peace and Conflict with the importance of Remembrance Day. We made poppies, after discussing what these represent. Children then took a poem about those who fought in World War 2 and created our own black out poems.

It has been great to learn some of the basics in Spanish with Max P being our class expert, often helping out with the pronunciation! We have learned the phonetics, how to ask questions and animals all when



We have such a sporting class with so much natural talent! Swimming has gone 'swimmingly well'. The class have really enjoyed being in the pool. Basketball and tennis is also a firm favourite. We have had people competing in different competitions, including in table tennis and running. Well done to all in the class who have competed.



There has been plenty of opportunity to dress up this term, from spooky dress up, Children in Need, emergency services and Christmas jumper. It has been great to raise money for different causes and contribute towards the food bank collection. Children in Year 5, always participate so well in all of these so thank you!



What a brilliant time we had on our trip to Loughborough to watch Aladdin on stage. The children thoroughly enjoyed this humorous performance of one of the 'classic' pantomimes. Everyone agreed afterwards that Aladdin's mother (who was being played by a man) was

without the funniest person in the play. We all had a good laugh.



Within this term, Year 5 have created some exceptional art work, particularly focusing on our drawing skills. They were using shading techniques linked to the art work 'The Great Wave'. They investigated the use of warm and cold colours and how line and colour can be used for effect. We were working in the style of the artist Hokusai. Ava, Poppy, Zara and Max. N demonstrated some great skills and produced fantastic artwork.

Next term we will be learning about the Crime and Punishment throughout the years with hopefully a visit to the Galleries of Justice in Nottingham. Have a lovely Christmas and we will see you in the New Year.

