



Year 5 Class Newsletter

It is unbelievable that we have made it to the end of our first term in Year 5 already! There have been many exciting learning opportunities, so please keep reading to find out more.

We have had fantastic practical learning experiences in Art and DT. During Art, we developed our drawing skills to showcase movement and emotion through final printed piece based on a favourite memory. During our food and nutrition lessons, we had great fun learning about where our food comes from and why some foods are considered healthy and others not. We have recently made our Bolognese sauce which we adapted with our own preferences of seasoning ingredients.



This term Year 5 have studied historical invaders this term, with particular focus on the Dark Ages and the invaders of this period: Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. We learnt about where they came from, why they invaded Britain, famous rulers, and whether we can always trust what the history books tell us about them.



We also took part in our whole class assembly where we all learned our lines and stage directions very well.

The assembly was incredibly informative, teaching the school all about the different forces.

In Science, we have investigated forces using many practical experiments. We explored different forces including friction, air and water resistance. We have also learned about mixtures including ways of separating different mixtures. This involved looking at soluble and insoluble solutions.

Our RE lessons this term have involved us learning what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today, learning what is important in their religion and what traditions they follow. We thought about times when our own lives may show crossovers with some traditions. Our second topic focused on Salvation and Jesus' sacrifice. We have explored the difference between sacrifice and murder and what martyrs are. Again, we have found crossovers in our personal lives where we have had to sacrifice things.



In IT, year 5 have been learning all about systems and why we use systems. We have learnt the importance of them when searching the World Wide Web, whilst designing a website, considering all things that could mean it comes at the top of the search engine! We have also learnt all about video productions, creating our own themed videos and editing them so they look really high quality!

In English we have been working super hard on our grammatical features in writing. This half term, we have used modal verbs, adverbs of possibility and fronted adverbials for cohesion. We drafted, wrote and edited our own reports of a hybrid species, using technology to generate images. The final pieces produced were superb!



Also, this term, Year 5 have been studying Mountains, with a particular focus on The Alps. We have used our knowledge of locational knowledge to locate the Alps as well as identifying physical pull factors as to why people live or visit there. We

also used our human knowledge to identify reasons why people chose to live in the Alps. This term, we even used our computing skills to explore our local area and took a virtual fieldtrip around Wigston, as well as Innsbruck in the Alps to compare the two localities.





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We experienced a fabulous trip back in time to a Leicester that once was the town of Ratae at the Jewry Wall museum exhibition and experience. We were great at exercising our note taking skills to document new knowledge in our jotters. We also enjoyed immersing in hands on exploration of real artefacts found on the historical site, interacting with the technology and clothing in the exhibition and exploring the grounds, before drawing our own interpretation of the ruins.



Year 5 enjoyed taking part in the Virtual Reality workshop, focusing on ways in which we can be better for the planet.

In music, we had great fun learning about the genres of classic rock music, learning how to play "Livin' on a Prayer" and rocking out to it! We have also then taken a 'chilled' turn focused on jazz music where we learnt to compose with 5 different notes on the glockenspiels.

In PSHE, we have been learning all about families and relationships. We have had some mature themes crop up in lessons like family dynamics, marriage, difficult friendships, stereotypes and what it feels like to fail. All children have had great discussions in our lessons. We have also learnt lots about how to support our health and wellbeing. We have learnt yoga poses, positive affirmations and even the importance of rest. Some of us recently shared that our short-term goals had also been achieved!



Finally. A huge shout out to Camille for her extraordinary artistic skills in her free time, also to Penelope for sharing her Grandma's artistic skills through animals in nature. We also want congratulate Miles and Lucy for their success towards Glenmere's football team. Grace, Miles, Shana and Max also for their expert running skills! And finally Max for his enthusiasm towards taking his DT learning home and using his bolognaisse sauce to eat for his dinner and for drawing representations of process it took to make his sauce in his own time at home. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday! Mrs Carton and Mrs Podgers ☺



How amazing are these portraits created by one of our Year 5s at home using technology? Truly showing determination and creativity here!

