



Year 5 Class Newsletter

It's unbelievable that we've already reached the end of our second term in year 5! There have been many exciting learning opportunities, so please continue reading to find out more.



Mrs Buschbeck was very excited to teach DT this term, as the topic was sewing! The children learnt all about different types of fabric, seams and sewing techniques and then designed and made their own reusable bag. It was great to have experts such as Sophie and Zara M. in the class who already had some sewing experience from home and were able to help others in the class with their projects.



This term, year 5 studied a fascinating topic in history: how crimes and punishments changed through the centuries. They learnt about medieval justice, the 'Bloody Code' in the 18th century, the harshness of Victorian prisons up until today, posing the question – has it really improved over time?

Lots of children in year 5 have a love for reading and this was shown through the brilliant costume ideas, the children came up with for World Book Day.



Our first Personal Growth topic for this term has been investors, and the children have learnt about different ways to use and invest money, learning about smart ways to use a budget.



We love sports at Glenmere – and year 5 is no exception. There are so many brilliant sports people in our class, and we got to celebrate their achievements in basketball, gymnastics and cross country – to name a few! We also did a FUN RUN to raise money for charity.





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In February, Year 5 had an exciting afternoon with poet Matt Twindle, who came to share some of his work with the class and wrote a poem with them.



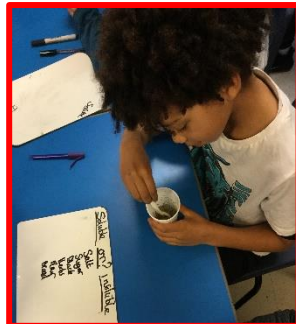
Chorus of our poem:
Fury Jury is who we are
These are our crime and punishment bars
Talking to you about the life and times
Of convicted criminals and their crimes

Our PSHE lessons during spring 1 have been all about celebrating diversity and understanding that everyone has a right to be who they want to be.



After half term, our topic has been 'Dreams and Goals' and the children shared their hopes and dreams for the future with the rest of the class.

It is fair to say, that there is probably not one single student in year 5 who does not enjoy music, so we had great fun learning about the genres of pop and hip-hop music. Some children in the class also took part in rocksteady and were able to have their first performance in front of the whole school at the end of term.



In Science, year 5 has been investigating the properties of different materials using many practical experiments. They have found out about materials which would be better suited for thermal insulation vs. those that are conducting heat. They learnt about the difference between melting and dissolving, as well as different types of chemical changes.

It was great to have most of the class participating in bike ability this term. Their teacher was really impressed with how sensible the children were being on the road and everyone who took part was able to gain their certificate by the end of the week.





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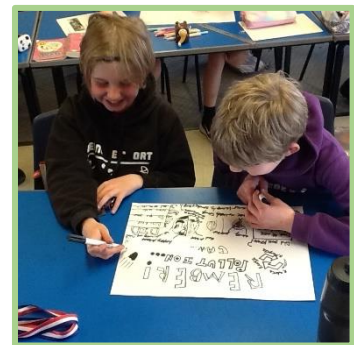
During the first part of this term, our RE lessons were focused around Judaism and the class learnt about Jewish traditions and their Holy Book – the Torah.

After half term, the RE topic was 'What would Jesus do?' and year 5 learnt about Christian values and attitudes. This unit was completed with a visit to the Bible exhibition at Bethel Church, where the children had a lot of fun doing quizzing, trying new foods and dressing up (besides lots of learning, of course).



Our second Personal Growth topic for this term has been 'Planet Heroes' and we have been learning about different types of pollution and ways in which we (as individuals) can make small changes to our lifestyle that can be big contributing factors to looking after our planet better. The children have shared in some fantastic debates about the topic which came to show what a great awareness they already have of the problems we are facing globally.

We are so proud of the art work Year 5 produced this term that we have displayed some of it outside our classroom in the corridor. The class have been working on developing their skills to draw from observation, which included drawing from pictures, one's own face and collages.



This is just a small overview of all the learning which has taken place this term. After Easter we will delve into a number of new topics, including a comparison study of the UK and North America in our Geography topic 'Oceans Apart', the life cycles of different plants and animals in Science, and the features of 'Mo-town' in our music lessons.

We hope you have a relaxing Easter break with your families.

Mrs Carton & Mrs Buschbeck