



Year 5 Class Newsletter

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

We were very excited to teach Art and DT this term, as our topics were both drawing and cooking. During Art, we looked at retrofuturism and how this idea began with the space race. This trickled down into many areas of life during the 1950s' and 60s'. We then create our own artwork inspired by this, using printing, collage and drawing techniques.



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.

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 was delicious!



We have had different enrichment activities this term, including lacrosse (which was a new sport to many of us), Diya painting (in celebration of Diwali) and Christmas tree decorating. We have enjoyed all the different opportunities we have been given and made the most of them all.



We also took part in our whole class assembly where we all learned our lines and stage directions very well. On top of this, we absolutely loved learning the 'Viking Rock' song which I am sure parents heard plenty of at home in the run up to it.

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 also ventured out on the public buses to town to visit Pizza Express where we were given the opportunity to make our own pizzas. Our favourite part was definitely the sampling of them – or at least it was Mrs. Carton's favourite part!



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.

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, and stereotypes. 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.

We also had the opportunity to take part in the CO Crew workshop where children learned about the risks of Carbon Monoxide, symptoms and how we should have detectors at home.



Our RE lessons this term have involve 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!

Year 5 learnt the vital life skill this term of First Aid!

We had a real-life paramedic come in and teach us all sorts from the recovery position, CPR and bandaging all sorts of gruesome wounds!

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.

