

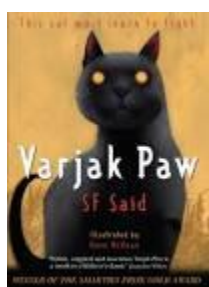
Spring Term Newsletter 2023

Year Five

Spring Term has flown over and Year Five have been so busy learning so many new topics. Let's take a look at some of the exciting things they have been learning.

Literacy

We have been reading the book, 'Varjak Paw' and we have really improved our VIPER skills. We have then used some of the ideas from the book to our own writing linked to Zelda Claw and the Rain Cat. We created some fabulous suspense stories of our own.



Maths

We have been learning all about fractions, decimals, percentages, area and perimeter this term in maths. We have a much deeper understanding of these areas of maths now especially fractions. We enjoyed using some of the practical equipment to help us learn both fractions and decimals. We really enjoyed calculating the area and perimeter of shapes and understand that we might use this when we are older to calculate the amount of carpet we need for a room or what furniture we will be able to fit inside a room.

Religious Education

In our RE one of our topics was Mission and we learned about Jesus' mission and the mission of our Diocese. It was really interesting learning about the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle especially St. Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle. We loved looking at the stained glass windows and the hidden crypt.

In our Memorial Sacrifice topic we learned more about 'The Last Supper' and the link to with the Eucharist. We really enjoy investigating religious art especially linking this with scripture. We have also been learning about Dr. Seymour who lived in South Shields and how she lived her life caring for others.

Physical Education

We have been refining and developing new skills in tag rugby and hockey. It has been good fun and we were due to enter a rugby event but this was cancelled due to the weather. Mr. Morris was so impressed with our team work rugby skills.

History

This term we have begun learning about 'Early Islamic Civilisation' and we have been very impressed at how advanced they lived compared with the Anglo – Saxons who were around at the same time in history. We have been using sources of historical evidence to learn why Muhammed was significant.

Geography

In Geography we have started our new topic on 'Natural Resources' and so far we have been learning to identify natural resources. We have also been learning about natural resources in our Religious Education explore topic so we used some facts that we already knew.

Music

This term in Music we have continued to learn more about syncopation. We have been listening to music to identify chord patterns in well known songs. We then enjoyed playing these chords on the glockenspiel and on our ipads using music explorer.

Science

Science in Year Five has been very exciting this term we have continued to linking our knowledge of materials to a range of experiments. We have then begun to learn about the development of the human foetus and gestation periods. Mrs. Sowerby thought we were very mature and asked excellent questions when learning in this topic.

PHSE /RSE

We have continued to really enjoy our PHSE lessons especially finding out more about the lives of the children and parents in the Paradise Street episodes. We have been discussing internet safety and learning about children's mental health.