

Autumn Term Newsletter 2022

Year Five

Year Five have been so busy during the whole of this Autumn Term that they wanted to share some of their exciting events and achievements.

Photographs of the events have been posted on the school facebook page or website so join our facebook page and take a look.

Sports Leaders

In the first week back Year Five set up their previously planned sports zones in the yard and created a timetable of their duties. The whole school were so excited to be able to have the opportunity to try out all the activities and use the allocated equipment. They planned and led parachute games, tennis, football, skipping, hopscotch and games zones. The school certainly met the fitness challenges and all children had the opportunity to be active for over one hour each day.

In PE they learned to play dodgeball and the whole class attended a dodgeball event with other South Tyneside schools – it was such an enjoyable day! They also took part in cross country and football with SAFC some children represented the school at a linked events.

Physical Education

We have been learning new skills in gymnastics with Mr. Morris. We really enjoyed it and we also learned to do some cool gymnastic tricks. Ava and I (Scarlett) demonstrated some harder gymnastic skills for the class to observe and then try. Mr. Morris then put us into groups to try a move called a pyramid where there are three people on the bottom and two people higher and finally one more on the top! During the rest of the term we also learned to play dodgeball and cross country. Miss Watson and Mrs Sowerby taught us how to play dodgeball following the correct rules. (Ava and Scarlett Y5)

Religious Education

We have been learning about families in religious education and we realise how thankful we are for our mam and dad for everything that they do for us to keep us safe. We have been learning a poem about Christmas and creating our own poem. We have been learning the meaning of the Christmas Wreath and how to follow instructions to make one.

We have also been learning about our families and ourselves. We learned about our different qualities and talents and how we should respect them. We really enjoyed learning about the Jewish Religion and in particular the story of Exodus. We learned about meanings and of each part of the Jewish Seder Plate and the celebration of the Passover (Pesach). We have been investigating inspirational communities and linked this to what we could do to make the world a better place. (Anna and Amelia)

Maths

When we started Year Five our first subject was maths and we were learning about Roman Numerals. We learned the numbers 1 – 1000. We only had a few lessons on Roman Numerals but we were good at this by the time we had finished. Then we moved onto Place Value and learned about part whole models, place value charts and tables. We then linked place value sentences to break numbers down. Next, we learned to use addition and subtraction with higher numbers using mental calculations and then we learned to add higher numbers using the column method. We have been learning our x6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables and some others as well. We can also now round numbers and we know our common multiples. (Annastasiia, Zack, Seb, Alex and Joe Y5)

History

In History we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We have been doing very well learning about how and why the Anglo- Saxons came to Britain. In class we learned many facts about them using sources of evidence. We also went to Jarrow Hall to learn about how the Anglo -Saxons lived and why they came to England. First, we went to the farm and we saw how they used animals such as sheep to provide wool to make clothes and blankets. We saw some weapons and armour and then we used swords and shields to reenact a fight. We listened to the legend of Beowolf and learned about the Island of Lindsfarne. (Finlay, Tommy, Jordan, Oliver and Noah Y5)

Geography

In Geography we have been learning the about different settlements and how each settlement is different. We have also learnt about different places in the smaller and larger settlements. We have learnt about how the city Shen – Zen started off as a village with two or three houses but in the space of forty years it has grown into a larger popular city. (Sophia and Esme Y5)

Hamlet	Town	City	Village
Ramshape	South Shields	Newcastle	Cleadon
Kilthorpe	Jarrow	London	Harton
A hamlet is very small with just a group of houses.	A town is bigger than a village with lots of houses and shops. It also has a few school and sometimes has a railway station and metro.	A city is the biggest settlement with lots of tall buildings, shopping centre, universities and schools.	In a village there is normally a school, post office, and little food shops.

Art

In Art we have been learning how to draw portraits and how to draw them in proportion. First, we drew one portrait using pencil shading (we enjoyed that) even though when we used shading - this was messy because we got pencil smudges over our hands. The teacher then photocopied our original drawings and then we used paint to add colour. It was a little bit tricky because we had to try not to get it wet. Next we used colouring pencils on our portraits and used big bold colours (I think this was the hardest) as we tried hard not to leave any white parts on our artwork. Finally, we used tissue paper and glue to stick on our portraits to create a collage effect - it was very sticky afterwards but we enjoyed this very much. When we used pencil shading this was also messy because we got pencil smudges over our hands.

We learned about the artists Andy Warhol and Boris Schmitz who uses a continuous line in his portraits. Our artwork when put together was based on the style of Andy Warhol. They all looked great when finished.

Music

This term in Music we have been learning about syncopated beats. This was fun because we got to listen to different songs and learned about their beats. We listened to the Pirates of the Caribbean and the Do Ron Ron which we also learned a new dance too! We went on charanga yumu and made our own beats and had lots of fun doing it. Near Christmas time we learned to sing, 'Calypso Carol' and other hymns and songs and performed these at the Ashleigh Mews Care Home. They looked really happy because they were tapping their feet, waving their hands, dancing and singing along with us. We gave them Christmas cards as well. We have had a lot of fun learning new music, beats and singing new songs. (Cherry Bo and Niamh)

Kensuke's Kingdom / Talk For Writing

In Year Five we have read two books called Kensuke's Kingdom and Beowulf. We linked Kensuke's Kingdom to talk for writing text called 'The Canal' as it was a warning story. A warning story is when the character doesn't listen to a character and does the thing they are not supposed to do! Talk for writing was really helped to support our writing especially when we created toolkits to use for own writing or warning stories. (Ethan, Wilson and Luca)

In Talk for Writing we rehearse the words and act them out using pictures for the words. Then we create our own version of the text from them. We have been writing a warning story where one person warns another not to do something but they do and they get injured! We have also been reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom and we loved it because it was happy, exciting and sad. We could all read paragraphs as a class and we had our own books so we really liked it. (Wilson and Luca)

Trips

Y5 have had lots of fun on school trips so far we have been on a gymnastics trip where we came back with a gold, silver bronze medal. We came fourth in the group event and we all had really good fun. While everyone was performing their routines we got to use the equipment. Y5 also entered a dodgeball event in two separate trips. One went in the morning where it was non-competitive and some went in the afternoon where it was competitive. The people who went in the afternoon came fourth but when we went there were older people there from Y6 that's why they kept winning as they were older and stronger. We still had super fun! Y5 also went to a residential care home - Ashleigh Mews. We sang Christmas carols and gave them a water colour Christmas card before we started singing. We sang: It Was On A Starry Night, Come And Join The Celebration, Silent Night, Jingle Bell Rock, Jingle Bells, Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer and Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney. Everyone enjoyed singing to them and we made them really happy. We also entered a Cross Country Event where they started with the Year Threes and the boys went first. When it was Year Five's turn. Ava was so close to getting a medal because she came fourth. Everyone tried their best to win but ended up not winning. Everyone enjoyed The Cross Country so it does not matter that we didn't receive a medal.

(Lucy, Lauren, Melody and Sophia Earl.)

Science

In year 5 we have been learning about space and planets. We learned about the lunar cycle and the different phases of the moon. We learned that the sun is not a planet but it is a star and that to 'orbit' means it moves around something.

Do you know that Jupiter has blue on the top and bottom so it is just like the North and South Poles?

Did you know that Earth is the third planet away from the Sun?

We learned about Galileo who discovered the four moons of Jupiter. (Issy and Liam)

PHSE /RSE

We really enjoy these lessons especially the Paradise Street episodes where we watch the lives of four children from different family backgrounds. We have also been learning about our bodies, how to keep ourselves safe and healthy. We have been learning about British Values and been involved in creating class and school rules and also voting for our Class Captains. (Thomas)