

Dear parents,

It has been a brilliant term so far! We have worked hard and made some good progress. We have participated in some exciting events too.

In science, we held a 'science week' which involved carrying out a criminal investigation. We arrived at school to be met by an 'accident' scene that had been cordoned off. In order to solve the mystery of what had happened, we had to become investigative scientists: making hypothesis; testing our hypothesis; carrying out experiments to see which liquid had been responsible for the disaster. We carried out several of these experiments and interviewed, discussed, ruled out certain evidence and concluded, with strong scientific evidence, that someone was very guilty indeed. Mrs. Foston was promptly taken to jail!!



Maths has been challenging and very hands on. We have been furthering our understanding of calculation and fractions; learning to name and describe 2d and 3d shapes; measuring angles and developing our fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

In English, we have been looking at the genre 'flashbacks'. This is a tricky literacy technique that, when executed properly, can add depth and interest to our writing, explaining the back story and creating empathy for characters. We concentrated on a film clip called 'The Piano'. This is a clip about an elderly man who, whilst playing a melancholy tune on his grand piano, has flashbacks of his past life.



His wife joins him in a duet; he holds his comrade at war in his arms and we see him as a boy riding around on his treasured hobby horse. The writing that the children created to go with the clip (a first person narrative with a flashback) was full of emotive and figurative language and their description of the flashbacks reflected their enjoyment of this unit. They also created some poems linked to WW2. These were beautiful and they really deepened their understanding of the importance of painting a vivid picture for the reader through the use of similes, metaphors, alliteration and other powerful literacy tools.



Art has been relaxing and enjoyable this term as we have had the opportunity to get 'closer to nature'. We have looked at famous works of art by artists who have harnessed the power of nature to create breath-taking works of art. Using twigs, seeds, petals, cotton, clay, grass, leaves and other natural resources that are available to us at school, we have produced our own breath-taking masterpieces that are currently on display in our classroom.



P.S.H.E has involved thinking about our mental health following lockdown. It has been such a tough time for everyone so we have had opportunities to talk, relax, share our emotions and reflect on what has happened and how to go forward, looking after ourselves and our friends.

Topic has been fascinating. We have found out about a time in our history that, like our current pandemic, was long, painful, terrifying and resulted in a great loss of life. We have been on a journey through WW2, meeting the ringleaders on all sides; finding out about the main events, the key battles and how awful conditions were for everybody involved. We have watched clips, discussed, researched using ict, created art and had the opportunity to reflect and thank those that pulled us

through. It has been a reflective and emotive journey and one which has deepened our understanding of the suffering of our ancestors and all those involved in this terrible war.



It is so great to all be back together! Long may it last! Have a good half-term! Miss Fitzpatrick and Miss Brown.

