

All Saints C of E Primary School...



What a half term for Year 5! We have enjoyed lots of fun experiences and learnt lots over the last few months.

English

In English the children have read a novel called, 'The Adventure of Odysseus' written by Hugh Lupton. They have created play scripts of what happened to Odysseus when he landed on the island, inhabited by a cyclops, produced descriptions of the awful storm that Poseidon sent as revenge for how Odysseus treated the Cyclops, created diary entries describing how Odysseus travelled through different mythical lands and finally created freeze frame scenes illustrating how Odysseus tricked his enemies when he returned to Ithaca.

History

in History the children have developed their understanding of Ancient Greece. They have studied the main features of a Greek city (Acropolis, Agora etc), researched the different Greek Gods, explored the origin of the Olympics and investigated the difference of Sparta and Athens. Using inspiration from this topic the children designed and created their own Olympic flags. Their sewing skills were marvellous.



Science

In Science the children have been studying forces. Initially the children looked at the book, 'The Man who Walked Between the Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein as inspiration. This gave the children the inspiration to study a variety of different the forces: gravity, friction and air resistance. To reinforce their knowledge they completed a variety of experiments associated with this topic. Eg pulling a trainer across different surfaces to measure friction and creating different sized parachute to measure air resistance.

Physical Education

Our PE unit this half term has been Dance and Fencing. Under the guidance of our external coaches they have learnt lots of new skills. In Fencing, Moniteur James has taught them to perform a parry - a fencing blade work manoeuvre intended to deflect or block an incoming attack, the lunge, which is used to attack you opponent and the feint, which is used to distract your opponent. All the children achieved a Bronze in this sport. In Street Dance the children have completed and created a variety of dances. These sessions have been extremely energetic, however the children have lots of fun with Coach Jack.

Religious Education

Over this half term the children have been developing their understanding of why Christians believe God is holy and loving. They explored what Christians believe about God, using a selection of Bible texts, e.g. Psalm 103 (a prayer of King David); Isaiah 6:1-5 etc. Also the children studied why Christians built medieval cathedrals and how different parts of cathedrals express ideas about God as holy and loving. We completed this topic by discussing whether Christians needed churches to demonstrate their faith.

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