

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 17th March 2017

Class 5 trip to London

Last Friday, Year 6 travelled down to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and the British Museum. We had a brilliant time. Our tour of Westminster included going into both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, where the Lords were in debate, with our guides giving us lots of interesting facts about the history of the Palace of Westminster and how the business of government proceeds here. A workshop followed in which we explored the sorts of issues that are dealt with at different levels of government, and planned campaigns of our own on action for the homeless, and homework in primary schools! After lunch we walked along the Embankment and then took the tube to the British Museum where we looked around the Ancient Sumer galleries. The exhibits were amazing, many recovered 100 years ago from the Royal Graves of Ur (now in modern-day Iraq). The whole trip was fantastic and really enriched our curriculum topic on Ancient Civilisation.



Year 1/2 Football Tournament

Last Thursday, the team travelled to John Masfield High School to take part in a tournament. The bright sunshine meant that the event was moved onto the astroturf. The team played games against all of our cluster schools. They showed great teamwork and were competitive but fair. We are delighted to say that the team finished as Runners Up. A huge 'well done' goes to Kyle, Bryn, Jacob, Eddie, Jack, Sebastian, Millie, Sian and Elodie!



New Systems

As part of our continual process to improve and innovate, we are moving our Information Management System to a new provider in April. If you have updated your personal details, e.g. new phone number, email address, etc, can you please let Paula know these changes by Monday 20th March, so we can ensure that correct data is transferred.

In response to parental feedback, we are very close to rolling out an online booking and payments system for lunches, Breakfast Club, After School Club, Residential and School Trips. This will mean that all bookings and payments will need to be made using the system. The office will no longer be collecting payments by cash or cheque for the above areas. We will be sending out further details shortly. We are very excited by these changes and moving into the 21st century, but we appreciate there may be some teething troubles as we get to grips with the new system.

Science Week

This week has been Science Week, and we have all been starting work on projects for the school Show Garden. Class 1 have been building prototypes for their robotic pollinators with Mrs Stanley and Class 2 have been working with Mr Hughes to design the astronaut using recycled materials. We have decided that our astronaut will be controlling the rover, and now need to decide on a suitable name for her. Class 2 worked with Mr Copp to learn about irrigation systems and have been planning a design for a seat and water feature for the rest area. Class 4 have been learning about Mars rovers and have now managed to get some of their rovers to change direction. Finally, Class 5 have been using their maths skills to design suitable shapes for the biome and propagation unit. Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped with Science Week activities.



currently trying to arrange a means of providing free sessions to pupil premium children. Please see the posters around school for further details or ask at the office.

Term Dates

The term dates for 2017-2018 have been agreed by the Governors and will shortly appear on the school website. The dates are becoming increasingly difficult to fix due to the changes in the arrangements of the buses to high school. While we have traditionally followed John Masefield, the changes mean that we have to watch what is happening in Worcestershire schools as well. In fact, for the first time, in September an overwhelming majority of the new high-schoolers will be heading across the border.

St James' Church Cradley

We are having a Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 26th March at 10.30am. We welcome you all and look forward to a church full of children and adults. This year Rev. Robert is very much hoping to include the children by having Breaking Bread, with the children sharing the communion bread with the congregation, as they are used to doing on the first Monday of the month in Collective Worship at school. We are also having Open The Book. Jimmy's band will also be playing - they are a group of adults and children who really enjoy playing music of all kinds! We are also having refreshments and a cake stall, and as usual there will be a small gift for children and adults to give to their mothers.

Nursery

This week the children have absolutely loved learning about 'all things science'. Lots of things have surprised us. On Monday we chased our shadows, learnt where eggs come from (and what happens to them when you pop them into different liquids). We put dye into the water of closed daffodils and watched them open and change. The children got muddy on Tuesday pouring and exploring water capacity at Forest School. We were unsure what items would sink or float, so we tested them all. Who knew that a huge log would float? A frozen inspired yoga was a big hit on Wednesday in P.E; lots of stretching, bending and listening. Well done. The children were astounded when we got a balloon to whizz along a rope in circle time, so we decided to attach blown-up balloons to Lego cars next and measured how far they travelled. On Friday, we ordered a Tesco shopping delivery which arrived the same day. We used these ingredients to do some baking. The hot oven turned the sticky batter into yummy things for us to eat. We were all excited to see the sun out and have even venturing outside without coats to play in the water, plant seeds and practice our climbing. Next week we will continue to examine how our world is changing in the spring time.



Class 1

Class 1 have been busy bees this week, learning all about pollination for Science Week. They can all talk about why pollination is important and what plants can be used for. We have even had a look at robotic pollinators and how we could design our own for our school garden entry in the Malvern Spring Show. We shared some of these ideas with everyone in assembly this morning. We have also been looking at pollinators of the rainforests and seed dispersal. Even the big animals such as monkeys and elephants help in making new plants! Our frog dance is going to be a team challenge! We have got all our moves now, but can we do them in unison? Time will tell! Next week we will be busy making something special for Sunday...



Class 2

This week we have finally finished our Lego Movies about The Great Fire of London. Everyone enjoyed using homemade scenery and Lego characters to tell the story as well as adding a voiceover to the animation. In maths we have been measuring each other using non-standard units or centimetres to find out how much wood will be needed to make the armature of our astronaut for the show garden. We've also been writing descriptions of characters from *James and the Giant Peach*.

Class 3

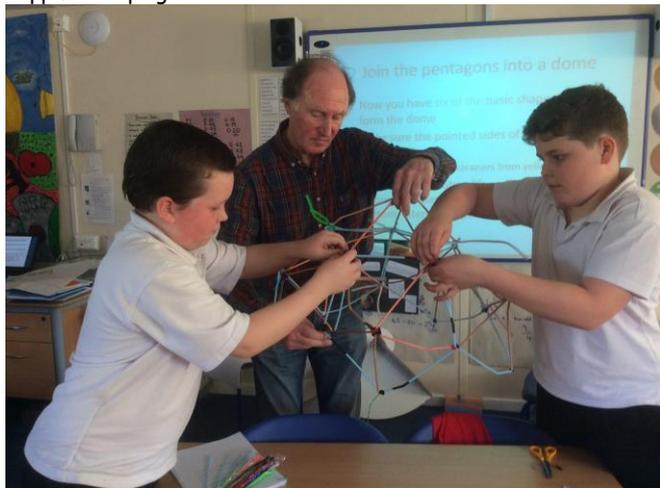
Is there any water on Mars? This is the big question that we started Science Week with in Class 3. We found out that there *is* water, but most of it is in the form of ice. If we were to live on Mars we would, of course, need water to survive - not only to drink, cook and wash with, but to water plants to grow food. So we investigated the most effective ways to change the ice into water. Mr Copp came to talk to us about different types of pumps that we could use or adapt to pump water in the Mars garden. We then designed water features, some parts of which may be used in the finished garden. In maths this week, we have been using tricks and known facts to solve multiplication and division problems. In English we have started working on explanation texts.

Class 4

This week Class 4 went onto the playground to work in English, enjoying the new signs of Spring and beginning a non-chronological report topic using the book, *The Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. We have written book reviews, thought about the audience when creating picture captions and written a job advert for an archaeologist. In Maths we have been learning about column addition of three numbers and subtraction including decimal numbers. The afternoons have been predominantly focused around our Computing and Science topic of programming Lego WeDo 2.0. We have made great progress and are beginning to share our ideas through seesaw, a class blogging app. We have also started a dance focus in PE of 'Samba Dancing' which will be performed to the rest of the school at the end of the term.

Class 5

After our fantastic trip to London last Friday when we toured the Houses of Parliament and the Sumer galleries in the British Museum, we have been comparing how laws were made in the Ancient World compared to modern day, looking particularly at the Hammurabi Code. In maths we have been working on volume and sequences. Our science this week has centred around designing the biome structure for our school show-garden and understanding some of the maths behind the design, and coming up with ideas for a mini greenhouse adapted to conditions on Mars. Thank you Mr Copp for helping us with this.



Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Frankie Taylor - working co-operatively
Marcus Agnew - being reflective
Uriah Lyndon - taking a risk
- Class 1** Leyla Vine and Nelson Meagre for being positive
Noah Griffiths for a positive start
- Class 2** Lottie Seddon for being creative
Jamie Smith for settling in well
- Class 3** Mimi Boniface for being perseverance in maths
Tilly Bentley-Price for being positive in maths
- Class 4** Demi-Leigh Smith for being positive in towards her new school
Chloe Norris for being positive towards her new school
- Class 5** Zac Parkin for a super effort with his homework
Brooke Smith for thoughtful comments towards work

Value of the Month

Humility
Proverbs 11:2
When pride comes, then comes disgrace,
but with humility comes wisdom.

Chosen by Oscar and Connor H

Dates for the Future

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| 20 th | Yr 3 Pedestrian Training |
| 21 st | Yr 5 Maths Tournament @ JMHS
Class 3 trip to Malvern Outdoor Centre
Football Matches @ Bosbury |
| 23 rd | Pyramid Prom 18:30 @ JMHS |
| 24 th | Red Nose Day
FOCS Disco |
| 27 th | Herefordshire Festival Week
Yr 3 Pedestrian Training |
| 28 th | KS2 choir @ the Herefordshire Festival |
| 29 th | KS1 choir @ the Herefordshire Festival |
| 30 th | Yr 3/4 Football @ JMHS |
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- | APRIL | TRUST |
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| 1 st | FOCS Junk Modelling
FOCS Wine Tasting |
| 3 rd | FOCS Easter Egg Competition
Yr 3 Pedestrian Training |
| 6 th | Easter Service |
| 7 th | End of Term
17 th onwards Cradley Players perform "The Wizard of Oz"
in the school hall |
| 24 th | Start of Term |
| 28 th | FOCS Wine Tasting |
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- | MAY | REVERENCE |
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| 1 st | Bank Holiday |
| 2 nd | John Masefield Open Morning |
| 3 rd | Class 3 Collective Worship: Parents Welcome
KS1 Dance Festival @ JMHS |
| 8 th | SATS Week
Malvern Show Build Up |
| 11 th -14 th | Malvern Spring Show |
| 23 rd | Sports Day |
| 26 th | Break up |