

# Class 6 Curriculum Update – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

## Values: Resilience and Determination

### Operation Intelligence

During the last few weeks, the class have worked incredibly hard and have pushed themselves in everything that they have done whether it has been learning to use six-figure grid references when map reading, writing lyrics in music or developing their drama skills. As writers, they have written a newspaper report based on a short Sherlock Holmes mystery, which was set in Hereford, and they have continued to develop their creative writing skills through "short burst" tasks. This week, the children have been writing a magazine style interview using the information they found out from Sergeant Lewis, who visited the classroom last week to discuss life as a detective. Indeed, it was lovely to receive the following email from Sgt Lewis, regarding his visit:

"I genuinely enjoyed my visit and was impressed with the number and quality of the questions asked. It was my absolute pleasure to be with you all and it was a highlight for me to be able to come and speak with such an interested group of youngsters. They are a credit to Madley School."



### *STAR Programme - West Mercia Police*

Hopefully you have already heard some details about the sessions with Anna, a PCSO from West Mercia Police, where the children discussed five key areas: legal drugs, illegal drugs, alcohol, smoking and volatile substances.

The sessions explored the dangers of each of these, suggestions on what to do if they are offered any of them and also who to talk to if they have concerns regarding any of these issues. For many, the highlight of the workshops was having a quiz to show how much they had learnt and I was extremely pleased to see how well they all scored.



### Science

As scientists, the children have been learning about our organs, the circulatory system, the digestive system, and the importance of maintaining a healthy diet and lifestyle. As part of this, they have been measuring their heart rates before and during physical activity and have also carried out an investigation into the sugar levels in different drinks and how these may affect our bodies, especially our teeth. Some children were initially quite uneasy with observing and touching the eggshells, which had been left in the various drinks for over a week, but their curiosity soon got the better of them.



### Forest School

Miss Hirst has been working with the class in designing and making prototype bug hotels in preparation for building larger structures using pallets at the legacy Growing Space next term. In addition, this last week has seen the children creating a sculpture of a red fox using chicken wire, inspired by the beautiful story, "The Lost Spells".

### Art and Maths

In maths, the children have been learning how to find the area of triangles and parallelograms and how to calculate the volume of cuboids.

Linked to this exploration of different shapes, we have also been looking at the work of the Russian artist, Wassily Kandinsky, and have created their own masterpieces inspired by his unique style.



I will be uploading some more images from the last few weeks on the Class page, so please do take a look at some point in the next few days.

Next term will undoubtedly also be incredibly busy, with a new theme, a legacy project to complete and, of course, plenty of reflection on the children's time here at Madley as well as looking ahead to their transition to High School.

Until then, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter break, Mrs Lacey and Miss Hirst.