

Class 5 Curriculum Update

Friday 22nd October 2021

Monthly values – 'Compassion' and 'Happiness'



'Come Fly With Me! America'

What a busy week it has been to end the half-term! We have now come to the end of our first theme for the year but we will continue to learn and add to our knowledge of North America throughout the rest of the year.

On Thursday, we had a very interesting curriculum visit to the 'American museum' in Bath. The children impressed our session leader with their knowledge of North America and particularly their awareness of Christopher Columbus, Native American lifestyles and the different types of climates across North America. We were able to look around the museum but then had a special session where the children were all able to examine, explore and handle genuine Native American artefacts. They had to use their best detective skills in order to work out what these strange objects were for and how they might be used. This type of activity is very difficult to replicate in the classroom so we are very thankful for this opportunity the children had to develop their historical skills.

On Monday, the weather didn't ruin our enjoyment at Longtown. All the children showed some fantastic individual values alongside developing their ability to work successfully as part of a team. Every single child gave the 'skytrack' a good attempt and pushed themselves in a challenging situation. I was delighted to see every child showing determination and resilience as they took on the high ropes course. The children were all supporting and encouraging each other, which was great to see. In addition, they had some team challenges, which relied upon good communication, cooperation and awareness, in order to succeed as a whole. Climbing 'The Wall' was a great example of helping each other to accomplish the whole task and not just working as individuals. I am sure these skills will be of great use not only for the rest of this year but also for the rest of their lives. Well done to everyone for their efforts!

I wish you all a great week off and hope you can recharge your batteries ready for our return in November!



Home learning

Please keep practising spellings/times tables as these make a big difference to your child's work. Keep up with daily reading to support your child's increasing vocabulary and comprehension skills. It really does make a big difference to their progress. Thank you.

Responsibility

There are a number of hoodies and cardigans being left in the classroom. I have shared these with the class but there are still many unclaimed. If you are missing any at home then please let me know. Thank you.

A gentle reminder as well that now the weather is very changeable, please bring a coat in every day. Using the wellies every day has been very beneficial to using the school field so thank you for keeping these at school.

Next theme

When we return after the half-term break, we will be starting a new, short theme for about 3 weeks. It is called 'In Your Element' and has a strong focus on geography skills connected to earth, wind, water and fire. We will still be continuing with our usual P.E., flute lessons, Forest School etc. so it will be jam-packed as ever!

Remember P.E. kit for first day back please! You've all done an excellent job so far with coming to school every day in the right clothes, which makes everything so much easier. Thank you!



*Please feel free to speak to me (via phone or email) if you have any worries or concerns regarding your child, whether it is to do with at school or at home.
From Mr Ford, Mr Batstone and the Year 5 Team.*