

Year 6 Curriculum Update

Friday 18th February 2022

Values: Peace & Empathy



“British Bulldog”

This has only been a short theme but has involved a lot of learning and discussion, not to mention a few “dodgy” re-enactments by myself at the front of the class, much to the children’s disgust.

The theme has allowed the children to take a brief look at both World Wars and we will be exploring these in more detail in another of our themes next term. Our main consideration this time was to think about Churchill’s impact during these periods and his contribution to the Great Britain of today; we were delighted to find a sculpture of the man himself during our visit to Monnington Court last week.

In addition, we have discussed some of the more controversial aspects of Churchill’s life and how his views on certain aspects are no longer considered acceptable in modern day life. Some of the children were already aware of the statue of Edward Colston being thrown into the water in Bristol last year and we were able to relate our discussion on Churchill as a “Hero or Villain” to this news story.

Mathematics

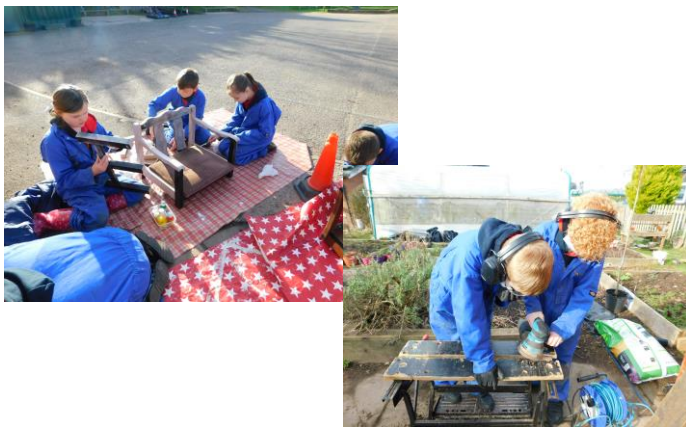
We have spent the last two weeks having lots of fun with algebra and Miss Hirst and I have been delighted with the way that all of the children have pushed themselves and risen to the challenge of this exciting subject. Well done, everyone!



Art & our visit to Monnington Court

Our recent visit to Monnington Court was a wonderful way for the children to see an incredible range of sculptures within an amazing and beautiful setting and I hope that they have all shared their thoughts about the visit with you. We spent almost two hours wandering the gardens looking at Angela Conner's work and then sketching some of the different pieces. We were honoured to have been joined on the visit by John Bulmer, Angela's husband, who was able to give us a detailed insight in to some of the sculptures and the inspiration behind them. A more comprehensive range of photos of both the sculptures and the children can be found on the Class page of the website.

Following the visit, the children had the opportunity to create their own clay sculptures during a session with Mr Batstone. They worked in silence, completely focused on keeping the clay wet and using different tools to make a range of textures. We will be continuing to develop these skills further after half term.



Construction

This half term, the children have been working in groups of three to upcycle old wooden chairs, which had been donated to the school last year.

First of all, they researched different upcycling ideas and trends and they decided together on a design that they wanted to do. They have then completed the work during their Friday morning sessions with Mrs Corrick and Mr Cotterell. Each of the groups still have a little more work to do but are then hoping to advertise and sell their amazing creations.

After half term, we will be starting a short topic called "Been Around the World" during which we will explore the links between the UK and Hong Kong as well as the physical features of the island. We will also investigate the different approaches to animal conservation in the two countries.

I will also be starting additional maths sessions after school on a Wednesday for any child who wishes to attend - these are very informal sessions but with the same level of expectation in terms of attitude and behaviour as I would expect in class. Please let the office know if you would like your child to come to these sessions.

In the meantime, best wishes for a safe and healthy half term,

Mrs Lacey and the Year 6 Team.