

Class 6 Curriculum Update – March 2020

Values: Love and Patience



Chocolate: Bean to Bar

During the last few weeks, the class have written some wonderful narrative stories using the word "chocolate" as their inspiration and have researched the origins of chocolate as we know it within the Mayan culture. They have also written biographies on the life of John Cadbury, exploring how his Quaker beliefs affected everything that his company did during his lifetime and beyond.

We were also very lucky to have a professional chocolatier, Alexandra Pechabadens visit the class last week, to discuss her business and to explain how she makes her different chocolates. The children asked some very pertinent questions and will be using the information to design their own chocolates, later in the term. More details about Alexandra can be found at www.frenchchocolates.com.



Star Programme - West Mercia Police

Hopefully you have already heard some details about the three 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 the chance to experience the effects on eyesight and reactions when wearing "beer goggles".



Science Week at Madley

As part of science week, the class were challenged to create a forces model based on "The Cog". Working in small groups, the children chose their equipment and tried to create a single process using a range of different forces. The challenge proved particularly difficult as there were so many ideas to take in to consideration and we have decided we need more time to perfect some of the processes.

We will be exploring our science themes for this term during our visit to the Think Tank in Birmingham on Thursday. More details to follow next week.

PE

Our PE sessions this term have focused on gymnastics and cross-country running, whilst many of the children have also taken part in dance sessions as part of Friday afternoon projects.

All children need to have their PE kit in school every day because there are times that changes are made to the timetable.

Please make sure that all kit is all clearly named as some pieces are often mislaid.



Maths

In maths, we are now consolidating our understanding of the year 6 curriculum and applying this to different scenarios and calculations. The children have all been given a sheet with the key mathematical facts that they need to know off by heart and should be referring to these at home when completing homework. It is important that the children continue to develop their multiplication tables facts using TT Rockstars as the quicker that these can be recalled, the easier they will find it to complete questions in lessons.

Reading and spelling

All of the children need to ensure that they read at least four times a week and that they also complete the assignments, which have been set for them on Spelling Shed. Developing a more extensive range of vocabulary is something that we are constantly working on and we would therefore ask that you encourage your children to explore new words as much as possible.

Finally, I would like to thank the children for continuing to do their best and showing that they can really push themselves when needed.

We have had a very busy half-term, with World Book Day, Sports Relief and even a simulated visit to the moon, however the children have remained focused throughout.

Long may it continue!

Mrs Lacey and the Year Six team