

Class 6 Curriculum Update

Week commencing Monday 16th November 2020

Values: Sustainability and Understanding

What an amazing few weeks the children have had! They have made the most of every opportunity they have been given and are continuing to push themselves as I mentioned in many of the Three Stars and A Wish letters, which you should have received this week. I would also like to say how pleased I was with the effort and work that went into the recent history homework project. Well done, Year 6!

Madley Enterprise

At the end of last half term, some of the children had the chance to visit Longtown Outdoor Centre to discuss how they operate as a business. In addition, the group were asked questions about their experiences at Longtown over the years and helped the team to explore different ideas for ways to develop the centre.

Whilst we unfortunately had to cancel several visits to local businesses, we were lucky enough to have George Snell visit the class to tell us the inspiring story of Certainly Wood and how it grew from a small local enterprise to a successful company, which supplies products all across the country.

We do hope to reschedule the visits that we had planned to sometime later in the year but, in the meantime, the children are still forging ahead with their plans and will be starting to make products in the next few weeks.

With this in mind, we would like to ask for any donations of the following items, to help us on our way:

- Old pure wool jumpers
- Ceramic paint pots
- Paint suitable for wooden furniture
- Miscellaneous bone china cups & saucers



The Nomadic Natural History Museum

The children had the opportunity to visit this amazing museum in the last week of half term, not only to see the incredible range of exhibits but to also talk to Tim, the curator, about how he runs the business. A double-whammy!

Opportunities for Writing

The children have completed some wonderful written work during the last few weeks, including instructions on how to tie a reef knot and a designing a persuasive leaflet for the Nomadic Natural History Museum.

This week they have been writing a suspense story using ideas from their time spent at Forest School last week. It was an amazing experience, sitting with the children writing their thoughts and observations as the light faded around us. Whilst it was difficult to capture this on a photograph, there are a number of pictures for you to take a look at from the afternoon's visit in the gallery on the class page.



Y6 Virtual Tour of the School

At this time of year, Year 6 normally take it in turns to show perspective parents and their children around the school – you may have even experienced such a tour in the past.

As this is not possible at the moment, the Digital Leaders have been assigned the task of creating a film, depicting a virtual tour, which can be put on the school website. They have been supported by our IT specialist, Mark Sanderson, in how to use the relevant equipment and have received guidance and tips on filming and presentation from Jules Hudson.

More of the class will be involved in the project as it develops in the coming weeks and we look forward to sharing it with you in the near future.



Musicians in the making

In addition to creating some wonderful music whilst at Forest School last week, the children have all been working with a partner in music to write their own scores using body percussion.

The sessions, led by Mrs Blaker on a Friday afternoon, have been extremely participative with all of the children eager to show off their creative musical talent.



Finally, I am looking forward to discussing your child's learning and progress in detail with you, during the next few weeks. Please contact me via the office though if you have any questions or concerns before we manage to speak.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lacey & the Year 6 team.