

Year 6 Curriculum Update

Friday 26th November 2021

Values: Happiness & Compassion

“Go With The Flow”

Our recent theme, which we concluded at the end of last week, proved to be extremely popular with the children and they certainly learnt lots of new information as well as coming across a number of ideas to be questioned and explored further at High School.

Our visit to “We The Curious” at Bristol was particularly successful and it was lovely to see the children enjoying and challenging themselves on the different activities and exhibits. The “How Our Body Works” show was extremely interactive and helped to bring some of the concepts that we had discussed in class to life in a more engaging way. Whilst we were unable to do the “Maths in Nature” workshop that we had planned on doing due to staff illness at the centre, I know that the children learnt a lot of information during the “Light Fantastic” show, which will be useful in our work next term.

To round off the theme, the children have written some wonderful non-chronological reports on the Human Body (they might refer to them as NCRs) and I have uploaded several examples of these in the gallery on the school website. The children also had the chance to ask a “real doctor” about his experiences, when Dr. Woodall kindly joined us on Wednesday afternoon.



Remembrance Day

As Year 6 were at the Forest School site on the 11th November, we took the time to discuss the importance of remembering all those who have given their life for our country, in whatever role and whichever war, not just the World Wars.

The children sat in silence as they listened to the Dire Straits track “Brothers in Arms”, which we had discussed during an Assembly earlier in the week. At 11 o’clock, they continued to sit in silence until The Last Post was played. It was an extremely moving and respectful remembrance and I would like to thank the children for the compassion that they demonstrated.

“Severn Freewheelers” visit

The visit to the school by Andy and Nigel, from Severn Freewheelers, gave the children a wonderful opportunity to ask all about the importance of transferring blood and other medical equipment within specific timescales and linked perfectly with our theme. It was interesting to hear about the work of these incredible volunteers and of course to see the huge bikes, which they use in their role.



Homework & 40 reads

Most of the children have been extremely good at handing their homework in on a Friday morning (or even before in some cases). However, many of them are forgetting to bring their reading diaries into school every day.

In particular, we try to mark and record their reads on a Monday morning so could I please ask that you check that your child has their diary with them as they leave the house.

Inter Faith Week

This week we have been learning about the main beliefs and festivals of five of the six main religions in class and hopefully the children have been researching Buddhism in order to complete their homework, which is due to be handed in on Friday 3rd December.

The children had the opportunity to talk about Christianity with Simon Lockett and to make comparisons between the different religions.

Bikeability

Congratulations to all those children who completed the Level1/2 Combined Bikeability over the last few days. The feedback from the fabulous team of instructors was extremely positive in terms of their skill levels and also their behaviour and attitude. A super week!



It has been lovely to see so many of you in school over the last few weeks and I hope you all enjoyed looking through your child's books and Learning Journal. If you do have any questions that you did not ask on the night or there is something that has arisen since, please do not hesitate to contact the office and I will respond as soon as I can.

We will be starting our next theme "Global Warning" next week, which will carry on for the first few weeks of the New Year too, so I am sure there will be lots of interesting discussions and observations - we may even have our very own Greta Thunberg!

Finally, could the children please bring in a spare pair of shoes (school shoes are fine) on PE days so that they can use the field and then swap their footwear before returning to class. They may also want to wear something warm on these days as we will still need to keep the doors open no matter how cold it is outside.

Best wishes, Mrs Lacey and the Year 6 Team.