

Class 6 Curriculum Update

Monday 12th October 2020

Values: Happiness and Fairness

The children have continued to make great progress since I had the pleasure of speaking to you all and they have risen to all of the challenges that we have set them so far. They have shown that they really can push themselves and that they can achieve great things when they work together and support each other. A huge well done to all!

Madley Enterprise

The children have been making steady progress with their theme and following a fantastic virtual “branding” workshop with Mark White, the Branding Director for Pizza Hut UK, each group has now decided on their company name and have worked in art to design their logo and tagline.

The next stage is to start pricing and developing the products that they have decided to focus on to start their business. Indeed, you may have already been asked for materials or ideas from home and, if you are able to donate something that you no longer need, then any contributions would be most welcome. One of the main learning points for the children this term though is to understand as far as possible the real cost of their products. This involves them working through the process of purchasing, making and pricing their products in order to make a profit and I would therefore ask that you do not go out and buy something for their group, no matter how many times they ask you.

To help them with their ideas and their understanding of the challenges of running a business, the children were lucky enough to interview Hannah Johnson (virtually of course) about her partnership in “MoJos”. It was interesting for the class to learn about how the company came about, how they chose their name and how environmental considerations drive the business.

Many of the children have also had the opportunity to visit two local businesses, Allensmore Nurseries and Haygrove Community Garden to find out about the challenges of making a profit and working in an ever-changing market. Two more visits are scheduled for the coming week, one to Longtown Outdoor Learning Centre and one to Certainly Wood in Lulham.



Opportunities for Writing

Having completed their magazine article on Madley Plants, the children have been busy writing a biography on the fascinating life of Thomas Edison, which links in with our study of electricity in science this half term. I have been delighted with the quality of the work produced and the children are now striving to include more detail in their work.

In the next few weeks, we will be looking at writing clear instructions and persuasive adverts before moving on to suspense writing towards the end of the half term.

Homework

I am very much looking forward to reading the history projects that the children have completed over the last few weeks and would like to thank them for the work that they have put into these.

The children will be bringing home two workbooks at some point this week and I will be asking them to complete certain pages, to be handed in on a Friday morning. These workbooks will be used instead of work on Education City and the children will continue to be set assignments on Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars. It is also expected that the children are reading at home at least three times a week.

If your child is unable to complete their homework for any reason or needs additional time, please let me know.

PE

As well as working on team games with Mr Hutton on a Tuesday morning, the children have worked together in their Enterprise groups to create a dance sequence representing the characters and ethos of "Dragons Den". Recordings of the final dance will be uploaded on to Madley TV later this week and I will send out a parentmail once they are available to watch.



Forest School

During sessions with Miss Hirst on site, the children have been categorising different insects, building bug hotels and learning how to tie a range of different knots, which they are going to put to use to make dream catchers in the next few weeks.

We are currently looking at setting a date for the whole class to visit the Forest School site after half term and we will let you know as soon as this has been arranged.



Building resilience is a key part of life at Madley and this was certainly demonstrated by all of the children during their visit to Longtown. Pictures from the day, as well as a range of pictures from the last few weeks, can be found on the photo gallery of the website and I will continue to update these throughout the term.

If you wish to talk about anything that the children are doing or if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mrs Lacey, Mr Batstone and the Year 6 Team.