



Gatten and Lake Primary School Curriculum News Year 5 Spring 1 - 'Beyond Belief'



Over the forthcoming half term the children will be:

- Writing newspaper reports in English linked to the discovery of Tutankhamun in relation to our Ancient Egyptian theme. Following a whole school pantomime of 'Robin Hood' at the beginning of February, the children will be using this experience to write diary entries as characters from this traditional tale.
- The children will be beginning a new journey on converting measures in Maths sessions. The lessons will include working on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 before converting metric units of measure such as mm to cm or g to kg. Following this, the children will begin develop their knowledge of types of angles, calculating missing angles and using a protractor to draw and measure these.
- In History, the children will be developing their knowledge of Ancient Egypt. They will find out about life in this period of history including the rituals such a mummification and learn about their beliefs and Gods.
- Our art work will focus on developing the children's use of clay and they will be creating clay Sarcophagi using hieroglyphics.
- In Science, the children will be continuing their work on forces - focusing on water resistance and cams, levers and pulleys.
- In RE, the children will be discussing and exploring the concept of 'Rites of Passage' and the journey of life.
- The children will be thinking about the theme 'Keeping Myself Safe' in our PSHE using the SCARF scheme. This will explore the ideas of habits - good and bad - and will also cover risks, peer pressure and bullying.
- In PE, the children will be working with a coach in school to develop their basketball skills. Our second PE session will be focusing on developing fitness levels through the use of aerobic workouts and routines.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PE DAYS THIS HALF TERM WILL BE MOVED TO MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A FULL PE KIT IN SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS. MANY THANKS.

At home your child could:

- Make an Egyptian Pyramid out of card and decorate it.
- Design and make Canopic jars
- Research the River Nile

As a family you may like to:

- Dress up like an ancient Egyptian!
- Make a model of a Sphinx



Gatten and Lake Primary School Year 5- What we did last half term in Autumn 2



The second half of the Autumn term focussed on the theme of the Ancient Greeks, which finished with a wonderful trip to The British Museum, London to see Greek Pottery and the Parthenon friezes.

In English this half term, the children started off developing their poetry writing skills through studying 'Cloudbusting' by Malorie Blackman. This is a wonderful poetry text based on bullying and the children developed their comprehension skills before writing their own. We then read 'The Story of Astronomy and Space' which is a non-chronological, information text on planets and space. The children then used an internet site to create their own planet and write a text about their own creation.

In Maths, the children worked hard developing their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. This has been a large unit and the children have really embedded this knowledge well. We have also been working hard on mixed arithmetic trying to develop areas such as short division and square and cube numbers.

Forces has been our focus area in Science. The children explored the effect of air resistance, friction and gravity on objects and enjoyed making sycamore key/spinners and using the ramp. The children thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from a trip to The Bay Secondary School to take part in a Forces workshop led by science teacher Mrs Manning.



The children took part in two indoor PE sessions this half term: Bollywood and swimming sessions at the Heights. Through dance sessions they developed routines using taught moves and developed their fitness levels, control and creativity.



The term ended with our mini museum on the Ancient Greeks in which the children independently researched in groups one aspect of the legacy of the Ancient Greeks. This included work on democracy, theatre, architecture, philosophy, the Olympics and art. The children also displayed the masks they had produced during art sessions. To make these, the children used Modroc to create a mask which they then turned into a God, Goddess or beast from Ancient Greek mythology using various textiles.



The children spent the final week of the Autumn term enjoying Christmas activities and completing their RE unit on 'The Magi', in which they explored the idea of prophecy and the Wise Men in the Christmas story.