

Spring Term

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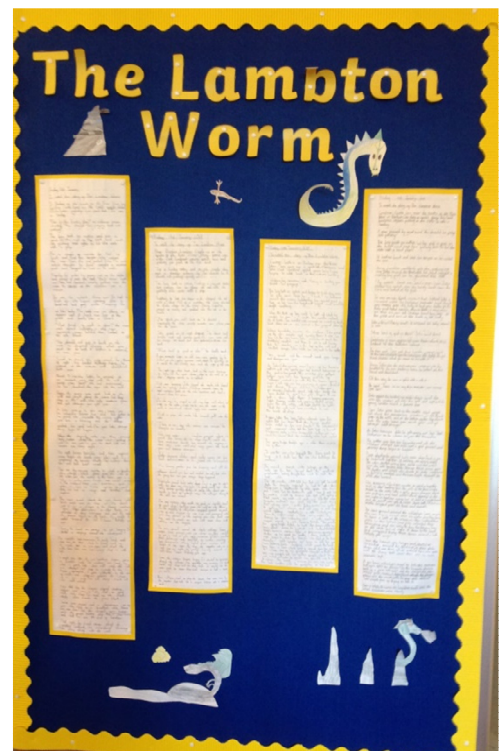
Class 5

Class 5 had a very busy and enjoyable spring term. We worked very hard both in and out of the classroom and learnt lots of new things.

Literacy

In Literacy, we read many myths and legends and discussed the themes that ran through the stories. We wrote play scripts in groups and acted out some of our favourites.

We retold a local story - The Lambton Worm, which is a legend from County Durham and takes place around the River Wear. We acted out the story in groups and gave each other feedback about the best bits



and the parts which we could have improved on. We retold the story in our own words and really enjoyed showing how much our writing had improved.

We really enjoyed taking part in some class debates in our 'Philosophy for Children' lessons. We discussed many different themes such as mobile phone technology and keeping secrets.

It was interesting to hear the views and opinions of other people while at the same time trying to get our point of view across.

We wrote some balanced arguments and found out about kennings which are a type of Anglo-Saxon poem. We wrote some of our own poems about animals, our friends and family.

Baking bread

In groups, we followed bread recipes (without any help from Mr Sayers) and made loaves of bread. We worked well together and did a good job of following the instructions.



Each group made a slightly different loaf containing different amounts of white and wholemeal flour. They all turned out really well and tasted delicious!

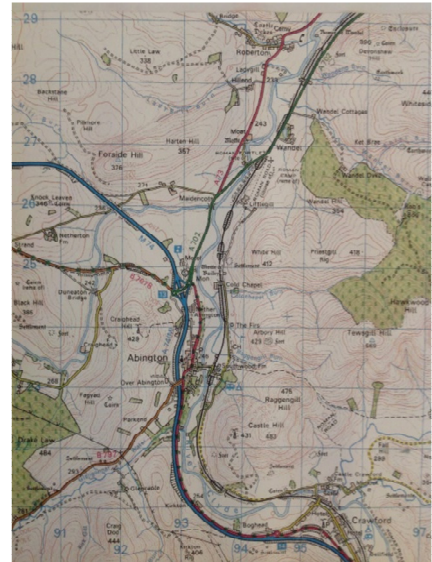


Geography

In Geography, we used atlases to locate countries around the world using the index and grid references.

We looked at some local maps to locate some familiar places and used ordnance survey maps. We found out how to use four figure grid references to find places on a map and drew some maps of our own, including symbols for important places. We also calculated distances on maps using scales.

Someone in our class had noticed a lot of litter in our local area so we decided, as a class, to try to find out more and hopefully do something about it.



Monday 26th February
Litter Survey

Litter type	Total
Cans, bottles	13 ✓
Food waste	1
Sweet wrappers	27 ✓
Plastic bags	14 ✓
Paper	22
Food packets	15 ✓
Other	150

Our group found out that the less common litter was food waste. The most common litter was other types of rubbish like plastic, glass and cigarette buds.

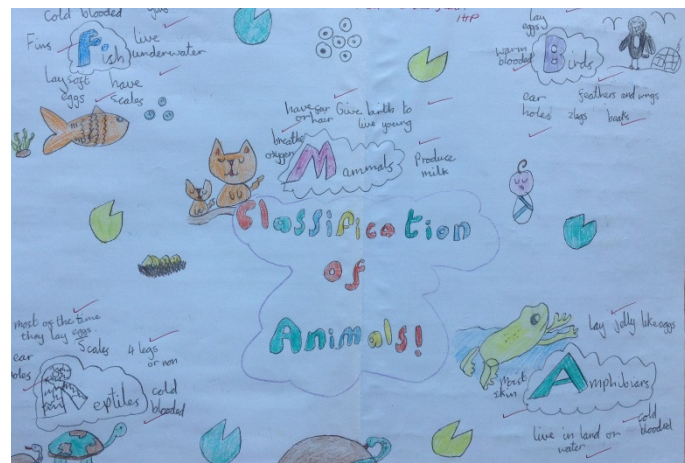
Our class carried out a litter survey in our local area. We found lots of different types of rubbish in some places. To reduce the amount of litter in Merton we could:

- We could have more bins so when people walking with litter






We carried out a litter survey and researched litter in the UK. We found out some interesting facts about litter, including how much it costs to clear it up each year! Next term we plan to do some litter picking and design posters to encourage people to use bins instead of throwing their rubbish on the ground!

Science

In our science lessons we found out about classification of plants and animals. We learnt that animals can be grouped into vertebrates and invertebrates and that we can group organisms according to their characteristics.



We created leaflets using Microsoft Publisher which shows how vertebrates can be classified into different groups.

<u>Birds</u>	<u>Mammals</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Amphibians</u>	<u>Reptiles</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Have two legs· Have two wings· Lay eggs· Warm blooded· Have feathers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Hair or fur· Give birth to live young· Provide milk to young· Two or four legs· Warm blooded	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Have fins· Lay soft jelly-like eggs· Breathe through gills· Have ear holes· Cold blooded	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Moist skin· Live on water and land· Lay jelly-like eggs· Have ear holes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Four or no legs· Cold blooded· Lay hard eggs· Have scales· Dry skin
				

We looked at the differences between different types of plants and created some terrariums containing different mosses and small succulents.



Art

In Art we improved our watercolour and sketching skills. We painted some landscapes and used watercolour techniques to create our Easter cards.



To link with our History topic which was Ancient Egypt, we designed and created some shadow puppets based on Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses. We worked in groups and used them in shows which we performed to the class.



World Book Day

Our class had a great World Book Day! We all dressed as some of our favourite book characters and created a performed plays involving our book characters. We really enjoyed using our imagination to come up with stories to entertain our class mates.



In the afternoon we designed book covers and wrote blurbs for our favourite books. One of our favourite parts of the

day was when each of us read a story to a pupil from Year 2. We had such a fun time and the Year 2 children were a pleasure to read with.



Murton Food Bank

As part of our Lent topic in R.E. we decided to make a special effort to help others. One idea we had was to try to donate as much food as we could manage to the local food bank.



Each week during lent, we brought in food and collected it in a box in our classroom. We packed it all in bags and walked to the Salvation Army which provides food for those in need.

Our donations were received with open arms and



we all felt proud of ourselves for the effort we had put in to helping others in our community.