

# LIFE IN CLASS 5

## SPRING TERM

### 2020

We have had a magical term and have produced some excellent pieces of work throughout our exciting topics.



# LITERACY

This term we have continued with our work around J.K Rowling's book about Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Our writing is now becoming more detailed and we have started to write more by adding in more description and detail. We have also worked on our reading skills and have completed a number of comprehension activities to improve our understanding of the texts we are reading.

We have also used our writing skills in other subjects and we are very good at writing recounts and non-chronological reports.

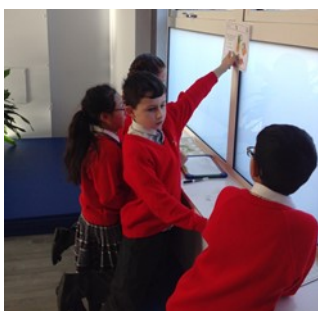


# NUMERACY

We have become budding mathematicians and have been using our new skills to solve problems. During the term we have been working on short multiplication and division and have found out that it is really important that we know our times tables! Our domination on the Times Tables Rock-stars is impressive and we have some of the fastest times with people answering questions in under 1 second!!

We now know how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, find equivalent fractions, write the decimal equivalents for any tenth or hundredth, round decimals to the nearest whole number and we have found out what happens when we divide a one-digit number by 10 or 100!

Miss Jones was very impressed with us when she came into the class and we were using a formula to calculate perimeter and area of shapes. We blew her away when we were able to create our own formula for using the perimeter of rectangles in an investigation.



We love using the skills we have learned in class to solve problems.



# ART & D.T

Over the Spring term we have been busy in Art and have looked at a number of different techniques to create our own masterpieces. We have looked at British Artists and the different types of art that they enjoyed. We looked at how Howard Hodgkin used colours to create his Abstract Art.

To link in with our Geography topic 'Settlements' we have started to look at the work by L.S. Lowry and have been able to create pictures looking at buildings around us.



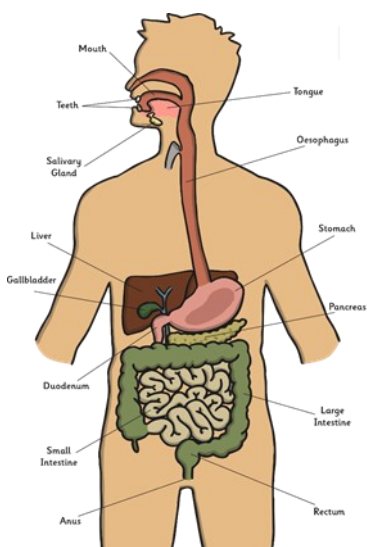
Using plastic, we were able to create a recycled picture.



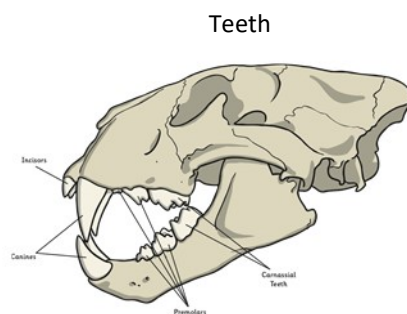
# SCIENCE

We have looked at two topics this term in Science. We started our topic off with 'Animals including Humans' where we looked at the digestive system and the functions of each part. We then went on to look at the role that the different teeth have and we were able to use this knowledge to then categorise different jaw bones into carnivore and herbivores looking at the teeth they had. We also looked at the effect that different drinks have on our teeth through an investigation. We were very surprised to see that natural fruit juices did the most damage to our teeth! We also looked at food chains and the terminology that is given to each part from the producer, predator, consumer and detritivore.

Our second topic is 'States of Matter' and we have had fun looking at the different structures of solids, liquids and gases.



Digestive System



Teeth



Food Chains

# HISTORY

We have had such fun this term in History and I believe if we were challenged to a quiz with our parents about Kings and Queens and the Vikings then we would win hands down!

We started the term looking at a few of the Kings and Queens of England and how their decisions have impacted on our life now. Our investigations began with William the Conqueror and how he created the 'Domesday Book' which gives us the best record of English life. We also looked at 'The Battle of Hastings' in 1066 during this session, as this was how William of Normandy took the crown!

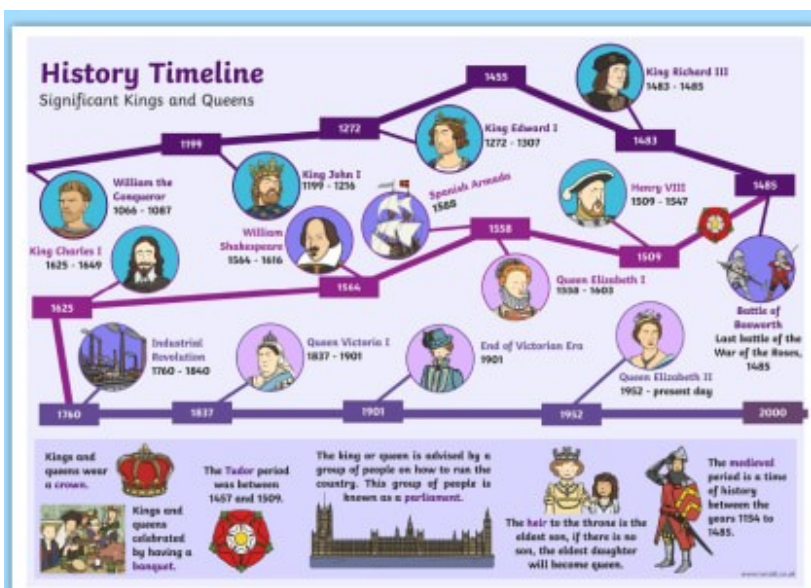
Next we went to King John and how he caused a revolt because of how much he taxed people. Because of how he was treating people 'The Magna Carta' was created to make life in Britain safe and fair. Did you know that we still live by 3 of these rules today?!

One of our favourites was Henry VIII and the need for a son. We loved learning about his life and especially his 6 wives! We can tell you all about his 2 daughters who both became Queens after the death of his son, Queen Mary also known as 'Bloody Mary' and Queen Elizabeth I.

Queen Victoria was deeply in love with her husband Albert and was heartbroken when he died leaving her to mourn him for the rest of her life only every wearing black, even to her children's weddings! She also made the UK the most powerful country in the world when she created the British Empire.

Queen Anne was important in creating the country, Great Britain after following through on her father King James II work, in joining Scotland and Wales together.

Our power points and posters were amazing!



Our next topic was 'The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons', which we were so looking forward to finishing together before the schools all closed. During our time we found out that the country was divided into 7 kingdoms- Northumbria, Mercia, Wessex, Essex, East Anglia, Kent and Sussex with each having their own King.

When the Vikings arrived in 787 AD the only King to keep them out of their kingdom was King Alfred of Wessex later known as King Alfred the Great!

We also looked at the 'Raiders and Invaders' and the 'Berserkers' were to be feared in battle as they went berserk !

# GEOGRAPHY



We have been concentrating on Water and have re-capped the water cycle and then concentrated on flooding and the different types - Fluvial, Pluvial, Coastal and Plumbing. We also talked about the effects that this has on the environment and our homes. We then looked at ways in which we can reduce the damage caused by flooding in the way of food barriers and dams. However we did discuss the fact that if you block the river at one point it will cause flooding either up or downstream!

A topic that really interested us was on water pollution and the harmful effect this has on animals and

## Fluvial

Caused by rivers bursting their banks.



## Pluvial

Caused by rainwater.



# P.E



We were really lucky to have Gail in school to deliver our skipping workshop and show us some new skills that we can do with our ropes!

We also got the chance to put our Judo skills to the test in a great workshop that we really enjoyed!



# R.E

Blessings To You



On Your First Reconciliation

Some of our class have been preparing for their First Confession which we were able to celebrate with them on Shrove Tuesday. They have been working really hard in preparation for this celebration and have been supported by the rest of the class during R.E lessons.

As a class we have been focusing on the celebration of communion and have a deeper understanding of the mass and how special this is to Catholics.



# ICT

During 'Internet Safety Day' we had lots of fun finding out about how we can keep ourselves safe while working or playing online. We also found out about 'Plagiarism' and how when we are doing research topics we are not to take big pieces of other people's work. If we do use something then we need to use their names and give them credit for the work that they have produced.

We have been really busy creating Power Points and then using these to present our information the rest of the class. Some of us can even add hyperlinks to link videos from the internet to help consolidate our information.





# WALK TO SCHOOL

Whoop, Whoop!

We were class winners in February and were given the chance to choose a prize from a lucky dip. Nathan picked out an afternoon with popcorn and a DVD. Of course we chose a Harry Potter film and sat down to enjoy The Prisoner of Azkaban with popcorn!

# WORLD BOOK DAY



Well we had to have Harry Potter characters and we loved Jacob's Golden Snitch costume!

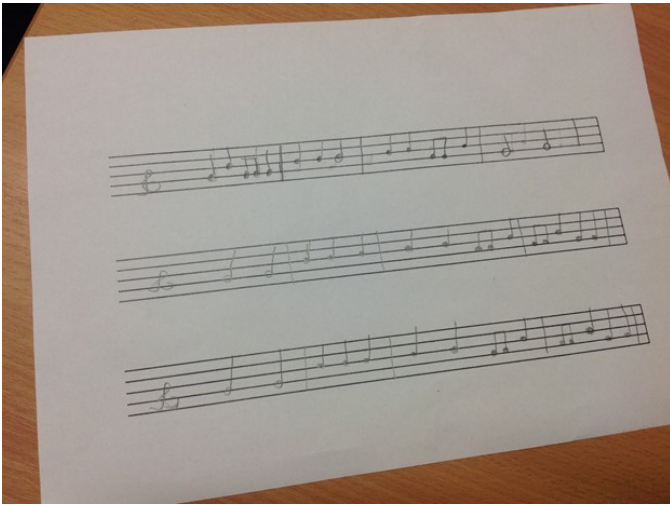
We really had fun taking part in the activities during the day, especially telling everyone about the characters we were dressed as and why we had chosen them.

Our other fantastic book characters!



# MUSIC

This term we have been concentrating on composing music. We were able to create music with a 'Tudor' feel to it.



We created our own score first.

Then we chose musical instruments and followed the score to perform to the rest of the class. It was really difficult to keep the beat and it took us a few weeks of practise to do this.



Our favourite part of Music this term has definitely been signing about the Vikings especially 'Viking Rock' and 'Invaders'!

We have been practising different lines and then bringing them together which has sounded amazing!

