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Class Maple newsletter

Dear Parents,

At the beginning of January, Class Maple rose to the challenge of being the first class of the term to perform an assembly to an audience of parents and pupils. We told the school about our special theme of 'Creation' for the collective worship this term.

In class the pupils have been working very hard, developing many different numeracy and literacy skills. I am looking forward to discussing their progress with you at parent consultations after half term. We have also enjoyed some special events, including an Anglo-Saxon gathering of the tribes, investigating circuits and electricity and charity games afternoon.

Rachel Baxter

The Creation Assembly

On Friday 13th January Class Maple presented a dramatic performance of the world's creation, according to the Bible. We performed a poem with movement and then we told the story through drama, dance and singing. Stage lighting added to the dramatic effect! The audience of parents and children were amazed by the beauty of the assembly and the drama of the movements.

By Olly A



Performing a Creation Dance

Practical Work in Mathematics

We had many practical lessons in mathematics this half term, in particular those lessons linked to 'measure'. We were set the challenge to rearrange the tables so everyone can see the White Board. This involved planning table arrangements and annotating them with the lengths and breadths to find the total perimeter. Formulae such as l for length and b for breadth were used. Compound shapes were also discussed.

When we looked at triangles and angles we did some origami to make the three types of triangle: scalene, isosceles and equilateral. We measured the sizes of the angles and also found the lines of symmetry.

Practical work makes maths more fun and you get to practise and use your maths skills.

By Liam

Charity Games Afternoon

Charity games afternoon took place in January. We chose the theme of 'under the sea' and there were many exciting games and crafts. These included: Splat the Jellyfish; Under the Sea design competitions; Clay 'Under the Sea' Animal Modelling and Aim for the Shark! Great fun was had by the stallholders and the customers. A grand total of £55.70 was raised for the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity.

The Anglo-Saxons



We have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We started off with an exciting tribal gathering in the hall with the other children from Key Stage Two. The tribes were the Saxons, Jutes, Angles and Frisians. We had different challenges, such as defending our villages and finding food when there was a shortage. Back in class we learnt about settlements, daily life and warfare.

I was a Saxon Thane so I was quite important in my tribe!

In art we studied the mask found at Sutton Hoo and then made Anglo-Saxon masks by engraving foil. These will go on the front cover of our topic books.

I like the topic and am looking forward to learning more about this exciting group of people!

By Francesca

Master Classes in Maple and Cherry

The Year 5 pupils work with Mrs Wheatman in their master classes. For maths we use our White Boards to help with jottings. We have looked at time and problem-solving.

In literacy we have studied punctuation. For example we have learnt where the correct place is for an apostrophe in a word!

By James

Year 6 pupils have master classes with Miss Baxter. We practise problem-solving and number skills in mathematics and have learnt the importance of checking every answer is correct by repeating a calculation.

In literacy we are developing our reading comprehension skills, by annotating and analysing texts.

AFTER HALF TERM

Olympic Venue visits:

22.2.12 Mountain Bike circuit

7.3.12 White Water Rafting

22.3.12 Kings Ferry Bus Tour

5.3.12 Choir trip to the O2

12-16.3.12 Science Week

29.3.12: Easter activity morning

I look forward to discussing your child's progress with you at the Parent Consultation Meetings 21st February and 1st March.