



What have we been doing in Maple this week?

Literacy This week in literacy lessons we enjoyed practising our speaking and listening skills for the class assembly. Dramatic expression was used to make our lines 'come to life', as well as matching movements to poetry and prose. Year 5 pupils developed their writing skills in a master class led by Mrs Wheatman while the Year 6s continued to explore reading comprehension activities with Miss Baxter.

Maths I was very impressed with the pupils' enthusiasm towards the negative number challenges in mathematics this week. We explored the effect of adding and subtracting negative numbers, using our calculators initially and then progressing to number lines and mental methods. It was particularly interesting to observe what happened when a negative number was subtracted. Simple rules of algebra were also taught, using mental methods to solve problems.

Other Subjects We commenced our new science topic: electricity and circuits with a baseline assessment and introduction to the main types of energy. Year 6 pupils enjoyed making their charity games for the exciting event this afternoon, which was enjoyed by the rest of the school. The theme this year was 'Under the Sea'. Well done to all pupils who brought in resources from home.

What will we be doing in Maple next week?

We will be exploring the conventions of play scripts in literacy next week, including reading play scripts, identifying the layout and punctuation and some performance. In mathematics we will be looking carefully at the link between multiplication and division and progressing on to multiplying and dividing decimals. We will also be exploring the Saxons further, looking at and designing Saxon settlements. Rugby and gymnastics will continue in PE.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND NOTICES

Year 6 pupils will complete their SATs during the weeks of 14-18th May and 21st-25th May. Please ensure no holidays are booked during these weeks.

- New spellings have been issued. Please note that your child is issued with a spelling list dependent on the result he or she achieved in the spelling pre-test. Therefore the groups are not set and we expect pupils to sometimes to have group 1's words one week and group 2's words another week.
- After school clubs start next week.
- The winners of the Rainbow Book prize last term will receive their treat next Friday.

HOMEWORK

SUBJECT	TASK	DATE DUE IN
Literacy	To practise parts for the class assembly	13.1.12
Science	Electricity chapter from the purple science book	18.1.12
Maths	Place value activities and problem-solving	18.1.12
Enrichment Curriculum	This will be set next week	-

Miss Baxter