

What have we been doing in Maple this week?

Literacy

Year 5 children have been working on their editing skills in their creative writing; producing some very polished pieces of writing in the style of Roald Dahl.

Year 6 pupils read and analysed a text about the Paralympic Games in their Master Classes.

They also developed writing skills further by creating a mysterious setting for a character, once again using the editing check list to ensure Level 4 or Level 5 was achieved.

Maths

Year 5s have continued to work with Mrs Wheatman, extending their knowledge and understanding of ratio and proportion. They have been learning how to compare different amounts by scaling up. Year 6 pupils completed a practice maths test, without a calculator, in a time limit. Results and methods were then discussed, as well as unfamiliar vocabulary.

Other Subjects

In science lessons we tested different materials for absorbency. This was linked to finding the best material for hamster bedding. In the enrichment curriculum, the children researched the countries participating in the Olympic Games this year, in preparation for a debate next week. PE lessons enabled the children to develop their jumping skills in athletics. A dance team also improved their dance techniques for the Olympic Games opening ceremony, which will be held next term. Mrs Wheatman and Mrs Field accompanied some children to the White Water Rafting Olympic venue on Thursday.

What will we be doing in Maple next week?

Next week we will be writing speeches for the 'Olympic Games Great Debate'. The children will be in 5 teams, with each team explaining why their chosen city was the best host of the Olympic Games in recent years.

In RE we will continue to learn about the features of the Christian Easter story, looking at poetry linked to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper and the Crucifixion.

The annual Easter activity morning will take place on Thursday.

HOMEWORK

SUBJECT	TASK	DATE DUE IN
Literacy	Yr 5: To learn a verse of a chosen poem. Yr 6: reading comprehension questions about a passage of text	26.3.12
Science	To complete Section 7 of the purple science book	28.3.12
Maths	Yr 5: To solve some ratio/proportion problems. Yr 6: mental maths question sheet	29.3.12
Enrichment Curriculum	An Olympics project will be set in due course.	-

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND NOTICES

- Thursday 29th March: Easter activity morning
- A number of pupils are not completing or handing in their homework. Please could you ensure that your child is completing each piece of homework in the given time to avoid them having to complete it in school at lunchtime.

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