



What have we been doing in Maple this week?

Literacy

This week in Maple we have been exploring the genre of autobiography. Miss Baxter presented her autobiography of her childhood years to the class and we then planned a 6 paragraph autobiography of our own. This included earliest childhood memories and primary school life. The writing was drafted, edited and then presented in creative writing books.

Maths

In mathematics we revisited angles, solving problems using known angle facts of triangles, straight lines and circles. We also consolidated place value, by multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. Mental maths skills were developed, including rapid recall of times table facts.

Other Subjects

In RE we studied the Hindu festival of Holi and enjoyed watching a slide show of images as well as discussing the origin of the festival. Our science lessons for this half term will focus on investigations. This week we tested different types of tissues to determine which one was the strongest. The emphasis was on producing a set of reliable results, by testing each tissue's strength 3 times and then finding an average result. Many pupils enjoyed a trip to the Olympic venue for mountain biking on Wednesday and presented their experience to the rest of the class. Meanwhile, the other pupils enthusiastically researched the countries that will be participating in the Olympics 2012.

What will we be doing in Maple next week?

Next week we will begin a series of Master Classes for the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils in literacy and numeracy. Mrs Wheatman will lead the Year 5 classes and Miss Baxter will lead the Year 6 classes. Key reading and writing skills will be taught and consolidated, as well as exploring all aspects of mathematics. We will follow on from the launch of our new enrichment curriculum topic: The Olympics 2012, by exploring the Olympic Values and how these can relate to our lives. Mrs Field will continue to develop the Olympic themed dance in PE with the class.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND NOTICES

- Thank you to all parents who attended the parent consultation meetings on Tuesday. I am looking forward to meeting the next group of parents on Thursday 1st March.
- There is a SATs information meeting on Monday 27th February, at 3:15pm for parents of Year 6 pupils. This will be held in Maple and is an adult only event.

HOMEWORK

SUBJECT	TASK	DATE DUE IN
Literacy	To write up the biography of a family member	5.3.12
Science	To investigate the forces of a paper aeroplane!	29.2.12
Maths	To complete a set of mental maths questions in a time limit	1.3.12
Enrichment Curriculum	An Olympics project will be set in due course.	-

Miss Baxter