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Class Maple newsletter

GENERAL NOTE FROM TEACHER

The class have been hard at work this half term. SATs tests and other formal assessments were completed by Year 6 pupils in English, mathematics and science over the period of two weeks. Some pupils commented afterwards that they had even enjoyed the tests! The Year 5's also completed assessments in English and Mathematics.

We are now looking forward to a variety of projects and events in Maple to take us up to the end of term, including the leavers' play and the residential trip to Kingswood, as well as the exciting opera project for the Year 5's.

Wishing you all a relaxing half-term holiday.

Rachel Baxter

The Year 5 Opera Project

The Year 5 pupils have been learning new songs together. The songs have catchy rhythms and the theme of the songs is helping people in other countries. We have studied South Africa, including the markets, the savannah, the animals and the crafts. The children will write a poem about South Africa to help their understanding of the country.

Eventually the Year 5 pupils will compose a song about South Africa and this will be performed to an audience of other schools in Cambridge.

By Matthew G

The Olympic Games Opening Ceremony

The Bourn Primary Olympic ceremony started with the four teams parading around the school field. We sang 'World in Union' together and then torch bearers ran around the arena and presented the torch to Olympian David Lowe who gave a speech and opened our games.

Representatives from each class performed an Olympic-themed dance to the audience of pupils and parents.

Expert cyclists demonstrated their cycling skills and led world-champion trial biker Charlie Rolls (one of our Year 6 school pupils) to the centre of the arena. He performed impressive biking skills over giant tractor tyres and up stacks of pallets.

The song 'I Believe' was then sung and the Key Stage One choir were next to entertain the audience. Finally we swapped our pin badges with members from other teams.

It was a wonderful ceremony and will be remembered for years to come!

By Becky



Charlie's Demonstration

Olympic Themed Lessons

In Science we have been learning about the adaptations of animals. We watched a film called 'The Animal Olympics' to help us to see close-ups of their body shapes. We discovered that animals needed these adaptations to either attract a mate, catch prey, escape predators and also protect themselves from the environments. I thought the Animal Olympics was great and some parts were very funny!

By Ella

In Literacy we researched 4 different Olympic host nations. We found out about their opening ceremonies, the records broken and the athletes who took part. In our Olympic teams we debated against each other to say why our host nation was the greatest. My team of Pendleton represented Sydney which held the Olympic Games in 2000. We challenged each other with counter-arguments during the debate. It improved our speaking and listening skills and also we worked as part of team.

By Oliver

In Art we studied the landmarks of London and then drew these landmarks using different media. For example, we drew with black ink pens, using cross-hatching, stippling and other shading techniques. We also used sketching pencils to create a black and white picture of London.

For the front of our topic books we created a collage using coloured paper from magazines to show the Union Jack with the Olympic Rings on the top. I particularly enjoyed using the ink pens because I was able to practise my shading techniques.

By Elizabeth

YEAR 6 SATS

In May the Year 6 pupils from Maple and Cherry completed their SATs tests in mathematics and literacy. We answered questions in maths with a calculator and questions without a calculator. We also had 20 questions in a mental maths tests. These questions included times table recall and shape challenges.

In literacy we had a reading booklet called 'The Great Plague' and 15 minutes to read it. After this time we had a booklet to answer questions about the texts. The texts were factual, a rhyme and a story about the Great Plague. I found the booklet very interesting because I learnt that the rhyme was linked to the Plague.

We all tried our best with the tests and will get our results in July.

By Ben

AFTER HALF TERM

25-29th June: Kingswood Residential Trip for the Year 6 Pupils.

22nd June: Bourn Proms

4th July: Opera Performance for Year 5 pupils

5th July: Moving up day for all pupils.

11th July: Sports Morning and Olympics Closing Ceremony

12th July: Year 6 leavers' party

17th July: Year 6 fundraising event

19th July: Year 6 performance

20th July: Year 6 leavers' assembly