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# Class Maple Newsletter

This half term has been a busy but fun term which seems to have flown by! Class Maple has been busy getting involved in their new topic and finding out all about some infamous pirates! We also enjoyed our Class Assembly involving some of the Spanish words we have learnt so far this term!

## Enrichment Curriculum



Our Enrichment Curriculum this term is 'Sloops and Spyglasses!' We were introduced to this theme with an amazing show all about Queen Anne's Revenge, Blackbeard's famous ship!

Our adventure started in the hall where we are all sitting and waiting suspiciously for something to happen. Suddenly, First Mate Culley appeared and started screaming ferociously at us! Quartermaster Wheatman and First Mate began a massive cutlass fight. Then, one of the doors opened as Boatswain Brey and Master Edwards put a stop to the duel!

During the afternoon, we had lots of fun activities to do: walk the plank, sea shanties, pass the cannonball and a quiz. Our favourite activity was 'Dress the Pirate' where we had to make one of our crew look like Blackbeard. We made cutlasses, eye-patches, parrots, bottle of rum and beards and then each pirate was then put to the test! The winning pirate was welcomed aboard!

We really enjoyed our Enrichment Curriculum introduction. Since then, we have learnt about pirate ships, crew jobs and famous pirates! It's really fun!

By Ella-Mae and Lottie

## Science

This term in Science we have been learning about dissolving substances.

During this topic, we have completed lots of experiments. We first looked at dissolving salt, sugar, coffee, soil and rice. We made predictions and then changed a factor about the water which they were being dissolved in to see whether it would make a difference.

In class, we made a water purifier (a solar still) out of a bowl of dirty water, some cling film, some pebbles, a small container and a kettle. We put the hot water in the large bowl and the cling film on top. The water evaporated and when it hit the cold cling film, it condensed! This left us with a small amount of clean water.

This term's Science has been fun because we were able to work in groups; it was practical and interesting.

By Marcus and Theo



## Charity Games

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, the Year 6s set out their charity games in the classroom ready to be played by the rest of the school.

The year 6s had been busy designing and bringing their games to reality, the whole of the week before. We worked in small groups. Hurriedly, the children gathered their ideas and used materials from around the school, such as: cardboard, paints, paper for posters and a variety of fabrics for different purposes.

Cleverly, some groups made food and drinks; these raised most as the customers were thirsty! Others made gunge games or lucky dips, whereas most groups chose the throwing game option. Even though they were common and straight forward, they went down a treat!

The annual charity games were such a success that they raised an enormous £70! The money we raised was donated to 'Jimmy's Night Shelter' (the school's chosen charity).

Everyone there enjoyed the event and had a great afternoon, even if it was very messy!

By Hannah



## International Week



This week we celebrated International Week. Class Maple studied Mexico! We looked at El Dia de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead) and made 'las calaveras' (decorated skulls). Mr Pollock came in and showed us a Mexican invasion game. On Wednesday, we celebrated International Evening. There were lots of activities in each class followed by a huge fiesta in the hall!

By Tim



## CLASS ASSEMBLY

This term our class assembly was about Spanish food. We learnt about the typical food they eat in Spain and then acted out a story called, 'Tengo Mucha Hambre'. We also sang two songs: 'No me gustan, no' and 'Los Colores'. I really enjoyed it. My favourite bit was the family sketch when the boy didn't like his dinner!

By Mikayla



## COMING UP...

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February: Willow Assembly  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March: BSA Quiz Night  
w/b March 17<sup>th</sup>: Parent Consultations