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Class Maple Newsletter

This half term has been a busy but fun term where Class Maple and Mrs Culley have enjoyed getting to know each other better. A particular highlight for us all was the print workshop where we were able to design and produce our own wallpaper patterns! We also enjoyed producing our first class assembly and are now looking forward to seeing what creative inventions we can design in our Enrichment topic!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We celebrated Harvest in October. This year, each class visited the church and participated in lots of different activities linked to the Jewish festival of Sukkot. We learnt about harvests from the ocean, the ground and the grain and had the chance to make clay pots, origami boats and experience a Sukkah!

On Friday 12th October, the entire school returned to the church for our Harvest Festival. The orchestra played Harvest hymns and each class had prepared a special performance. Cherry and Maple learnt a special chant with actions, which we performed in the aisle of the church. The KS1 choir sang a fantastic Harvest song and there were also Harvest readings, stories, poems and prayers that we all enjoyed. Over all, we all had a great time at our Harvest Festival and we didn't want to leave!

By Poppy and Naomi

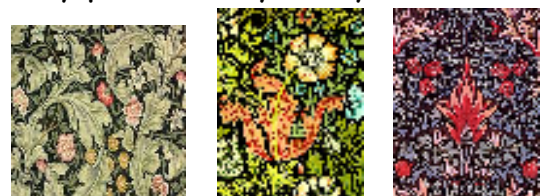


WILLIAM MORRIS PRINT WORKSHOP

In Topic, we have been learning about William Morris who is 'Suspect Number 2' in our murder mystery! We looked carefully at his art work and designs and attempted to copy some of his most famous patterns. Afterwards, we made up our own designs using inspiration from symmetrical and repetitive patterns in nature and William Morris himself!

We then had some exciting news: Mrs Chaplin was going to come in and do a print workshop with Maple and Cherry! Our designs would be made into wallpaper after going through Mrs Chaplin's press. Everyone was very eager to complete their designs and couldn't wait for her to come in!

When she arrived, we transferred our paper designs onto tracing paper and card. We then cut out details (made of card, string and sequins) and stuck these onto our designs. We were then ready to print! We inked our designs and fed them through the printing press. They look amazing! Thanks to Mrs Chaplin and all the parent helpers who made this activity possible! By Emily & Amelie



CLUBS

This term there have been many clubs for us to experience. Some members of Class Maple explain why they enjoy the clubs they attend.

'I go to football club. It is taught by Mrs Field. We play matches and wear different colour bibs for each team. It takes place on the top field and is great fun!' By Rhiann.

'I'm in Tardis club. We write paragraphs of scenes from Doctor Who! We are also trying to write a script for a play with our teacher, Mrs Seymour'. By Parth.

'After school, I go to cycling club with 20 other people! We are always very excited! We do things like learning to mount and dismount your bike, cycling in a line and changing gears.' By Fox.

'Ukulele club is fun and it's easy to learn! Once you've got the hang of the chords, you can start playing harder songs and you don't even need lots of sheets of music!' By Oliver.



SCIENCE

This half-term we did a science experiment that proved what liquid killed the grass. We watered grass that we had grown with either coffee, lemonade, vinegar, tea, coke or water. We have been watering them daily, but only measuring them once in two days. We found out the average, and then we made a line graph showing the different lengths of the grass.

By Catriona

CLASS ASSEMBLY

We were very excited about performing our class assembly, which was all about Charles Dickens. We learnt lots of interesting things about this famous Victorian author and had a lot of fun sharing our knowledge of his weird and wonderful habits with everyone. We really liked presenting our assembly and thought it was great!

A NOTE OF THANKS...

I would like to take this opportunity to hijack this box on our Termly Newsletter to say a huge thank you to the pupils, staff and community of Bourn for making me so welcome in my first half term. It has been great getting to know the children better and lovely to meet so many of you at Parents' Evening. My colleagues have been very welcoming (and patient!) and have made it a very enjoyable start, which is much appreciated! I feel very lucky to be part of such a supportive and successful school.

With thanks,
Mrs Culley!

COMING UP...

- The Christmas Production for Year 5 pupils...
- ...and many other Christmas events!
- KS2 enrichment projects assembly on Friday 23rd November
- Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 24th November from 12pm till 2pm.
- The book fair between the 7th and 11th of November
- A trip back in time to the Victorian era on Monday 26th November!