



What have we been doing in Cherry this week?

Everyone has returned to school refreshed and enthusiastic, I am very glad to see!
 Here are some of the new topics that we have begun this week.

Literacy Newspaper report writing has been the focus for year 5s in their master class this week. We have explored the features, including the 4 Ws (who, what, when, where), how to construct the text using concise but 'catchy' sentences, applying 3rd person and using the past tense. They have enjoyed writing their own report based on a real life incident caught on camera, involving a confused bull in a supermarket. The year 6s have enjoyed working on the poem: The Pied Piper of Hamelin, creating job adverts for a piper, and analysing the historical language.

Maths. The year 5s have been developing their understanding of coordinates, increasing the grid to a 2 and 4-quadrant plane. Some of the children quickly picked up the connection between the X and Y coordinate digits and how to predict what they plot and where abouts on the grid, based on whether the number is positive or negative. They also went on to learn how to describe translations and rotations in mathematical terms. The year 6 children have been doing lots of calculator work, applying it to word problems involving money and finding percentages, as well as learning the steps of BODMAS, which involves solving mixed operation number sentences.

Other Subjects: PSHCE was very hands on this week. The children had to determine the identity of a number of objects without the use of their sight. Our new PSHCE theme is learning about people with disabilities, and our first 'hero' is Louis Braille. We are learning about his life and how he has helped improve the quality of life for the blind through his invention of the Braille system for reading and writing. In science, we are learning about light and how we see things, which links very well with PSHCE. This week the children revised their knowledge of light and its different sources and whether they are primary or secondary. We also learned about some of the properties of light. The children are looking forward to carrying out some simple experiments to test these properties, later on. Our new phase of our enrichment curriculum topic began this week. We shall be designing and marketing our own sweets. The first lesson kicked off with market research, so look out for survey questions in the near future as you become part of our market research!

What will we be doing in Cherry next week?

The children will continue to study the work and life of Louis Braille in PSHCE, creating a profile of this historic figure. In topic, we shall use the market research data to design a new sweet.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND NOTICES

- Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Tuesday 26th February (selected children only)
- Music assembly Friday 1st March

HOMEWORK

SUBJECT	TASK	DATE DUE IN
Literacy	Year 5: New spelling tests will be issued next week. Year 6: Semi colons and Spelling	Friday 01.03.13
Science	Section 11: revision of Light and Sound	Wednesday 27.2.13
Maths	Year 5: Coordinates: making a mask. Year 6: Calculator Questions	Thursday 28.2..13
Enrichment Curriculum	Market research survey	Friday 01.03.13

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