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Nurture, Nature, Knowledge:

Enabling inquisitive thinkers and inspired learners with kind hearts.

A DAY OF SHAKESPEARE FOR UKS2

On Monday, our Year 5 and Year 6 children participated in a workshop at the RSC Clore Centre, delving into the world of William Shakespeare through a range of activities from exploring the opening monologue in 'Twelfth Night' by Duke Orsino, to acting out the shipwreck scene. They also explored the use of Shakespeare's language and the meaning of words. Acting out 'love versus disgust' scenes was wonderful to watch and the children really got into character! During the visit, the children also walked around Stratford-upon-Avon town centre, visiting Shakespeare's birthplace, New Place (Shakespeare's home), Shakespeare's school and the Guild Chapel before walking up to Holy Trinity Church, where Shakespeare was baptised and buried. The attitude of all children in UKS2 was exemplary; they conducted themselves with great maturity and it was a pleasure to see them so engaged with all that the trip had to offer.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our Christian value of this half term is Truthfulness, and in the first Collective Worship of this half term, the children learnt about All Saints' Day which is always celebrated on 1st November every year. We then talked about St Mary Magdalene and how she told the truth so that Jesus forgave her of her sins.



REMEMBER REMEMBER!

Early Years have been learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot. Provision has been full of activities



relating to bonfire night and the history behind it, including building the Houses of Parliament!

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

This week, Year 1 have enjoyed using atlases to locate England and London. Year 2 also went on to label their own maps of the United Kingdom, with both year groups demonstrating their excellent geographical knowledge.



Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's Poppy Appeal through the purchase of poppies and related items. We will be holding 2 minutes' silence on Monday as a mark of respect, and if they are members, have invited children to wear their Scouting or Guiding uniforms on this day.

LEST WE FORGET



CELEBRATIONS

Very many congratulations to Isabelle, Lily, Elsie-May and Summer for Gold Awards for outstanding work, and to Alfie, Georgie, Alex and Thomas for Gold Awards for living our Christian values. In addition, well done to Connor who proudly showed off his Stage 2 swimming certificate and Alexander for his hard work selling poppies in Crowle for the Royal British Legion. We are very proud of you all.



HOUSEPOINTS



Congratulations to Ash House who were awarded the Dojo Points' Trophy with exactly 500 house points this week.

MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGES FOR UKS2

This week in PSHÉ the children have been, trying to work out how much money they will spend in their lifetime. It has been estimated that the average British household spends almost £2 million pounds in their lifetime and so some of UKS2's estimates were some way off! Of course, Mrs Rose explained to the children that they are worth far more than what they spend or what is spent on them.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AND DAY

This year's National Anti-Bullying week is from Monday 11th to Friday 15th November. To mark this week, we are inviting children to wear a different tie with their school uniform on Tuesday 12th November to highlight the fact that we are all different and that these differences should be celebrated. Spare ties will be available if needed, and children are welcome to wear their school tie if they wish.



BBC Children in Need Day is taking place on Friday 15th November. Children are invited to wear 'spotacular' spotty clothes in place of school uniform on this day for donations towards this worthwhile charity and to bring in 1p and 2p coins to fill Pudsey's head.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS

Our whole school attendance this week was 85% and our attendance to date is 95.2%. Congratulations to LKS2 who were again awarded the Attendance Award with the highest weekly attendance rate of 87.7%. Our target is a minimum of 95%.



WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

This week's Wake Up Wednesday gave helpful advice about respect. This was shared with you on Class Dojo.



EYFS LINK AND LEARN

Early Years welcomed lots of adults to their link and learn on Wednesday. Thank you for all joining in so enthusiastically with our music session. The children loved having you and performing their songs.



LKS2 STEP BACK IN TIME

LKS2 have been stepping back in time with their new Unit of Enquiry and English text this week. Looking at timelines and what is meant by 'prehistory', they were also introduced to a boy who fell down a hole and found himself in the Stone Age! Using story maps, they sequenced the story using as few words as possible to summarise the plot.



KS1 LINK AND LEARN

As an introductory lesson to their new unit of enquiry, KS1 created their own booklet to explore our place in the world during this week's link and learn. Children will be building on this throughout the unit by learning about The Great Fire of London and why it was such a significant event in history.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 11th November** – Start of anti-bullying week
- Monday 11th November** – Remembrance Day (2 minutes' silence)
- Monday 11th November** – UKS2 Link and Learn session (2.30-3.20pm)
- Tuesday 12th November** – Anti-Bullying Day- Wear a different tie
- Tuesday 12th November** – LKS2 Link and Learn session (2.30-3.20pm)
- Tuesday 12th November** – WMTC Show Night (6.45pm-8.45pm)
- Thursday 14th November** - WMTC Show Night (6.45pm-8.45pm)
- Friday 15th November** – 'Spotacular' Children in Need Day
- Saturday 16th November** – WMTC Show Night (6.4pm-8.45pm)
- Tuesday 19th November** – Open Evening (4.00pm-6.00pm)
- Friday 22nd November** – INSET Day (school closed to children)
- Thursday 28th November** – Non-uniform day (donations to the Friends of Himbleton to be confirmed later)
- Friday 29th November** – Friends of Himbleton Christmas Fayre
- Wednesday 4th December** – EYFS and KS1 Nativity (2.00pm & 6.00pm)

SANTA IS ON HIS WAY TO HIMBLETON!

Tickets to see Santa in his Grotto at the Christmas Fayre are now live! Click the link below to book your slot and also to volunteer to help with the stalls. Taking on the feedback from the survey we are asking for help in 45 minute slots to allow everyone (including the committee!) to enjoy the Fayre with their families.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/himbleton/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=85320>

Ticket sales will close at midday on Wednesday 27th November to enable Santa to make sure he has enough treats for all of his visitors!



Week Ending 8th November 2024