

Year 5 Weekly update

It has been lovely to see all the children back after the Easter holidays. We hope you all had a restful break!

Our Trip to Mountfitchet Castle

On Thursday, both classes visited Mountfitchet castle to support our topic of the Normans in History. The children had a great time and were fantastic ambassadors for the school throughout! A big thank you to our parent helpers.

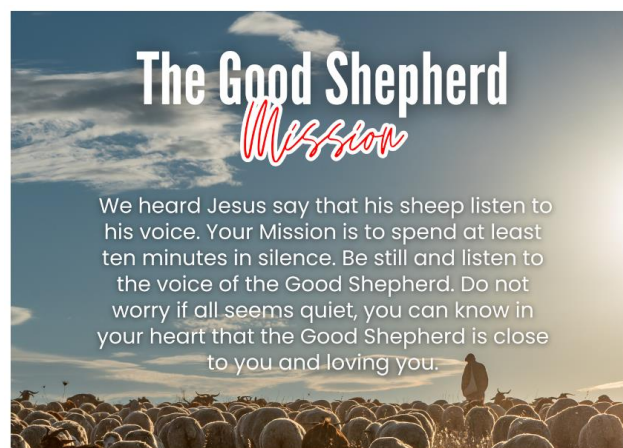
R.E

At the start of the week the children reflected on the period of Easter and created acrostic poems for our 'He is Risen' classroom display.

We then moved on to focus on Islam. We have been looking at how a Muslim would experience the events of Ramadan, Eid-al-Fitr and Hajj.

Next week: The children will be writing a diary entry from the point of view of a Muslim child during Ramadan, Eid-al-Fitr and Hajj

Vocabulary: Islam, Ramadan, fasting, pilgrimage, Makkah, Hajj, Eid-ul-Fitr.



Maths

We have begun our new topic of decimals and percentages by looking at equivalent decimals and fractions to two decimal places. We have looked at the tenths and hundredths column of a place value grid using numbers with 2 decimal places. For example, 17.48. This number is made up of 17 wholes, 4 tenths and 8 thousandths.



Vocabulary: Decimal, decimal point, place value, fraction, equivalent, tenths, hundredths.

Get ahead: Next week we will be learning about thousandths as fractions.

Here is a link to revise what we have been learning this week:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt8dmp3/articles/zkxhxbk>

English

In our English lessons this week the children have been learning how rap can be a form of poetry. The children read Benjamin Zephaniah's 'Talking Turkeys' poem and looked closely at his language choices and how he performs it. They have used what they have found as inspiration for their own rap poems which they will be writing next week.

Vocabulary: poetry, rap, syncopated rhythm, poetic devices, similes, personification.

Science

Thank you for the science projects that have been sent in - they are amazing! The children have been learning about the phases of the moon this week. They have learned that the lunar phases are a repeat cycle over 29.5 days and are a result of our changing view of the sunlit part of the moon. They have looked at the change in people's understanding of the Earth as spherical rather than flat and the evidence that caused a shift in this perception.

Vocabulary: waxing, waning, gibbous crescent, lunar phases, spherical, approximately.

Get ahead: next week we will be focusing on day and night.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn34r2p#zkchhcw>

Extra information:

- Mon 6th May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed.
- Thurs 9th May Ascension Day - Parents, grandparents and friends are very welcome to join us at 9.15am starting on the KS1 playground. It would be lovely if your child could bring in a single flower on this day.
- Padua KS2 sports afternoon will take place from 1.30-3.30 on Wednesday 22nd May - parents welcome.
- Lisbon KS2 sports afternoon will take place from 1.30-3.30 on Thursday 23rd May - parents welcome.



Five ways to wellbeing

CONNECT

Visit our school chapel with your class and teachers at some time this week. Say a prayer, listen to the music being played and sit quietly thinking about yourself and others.

Have a lovely weekend,

Amy, Hannah, Catherine and Magda