

Year 5 update

R.E

Topic: To the ends of the Earth

- The children have spent time thinking about how the disciples would have felt waiting for the Holy Spirit, and what they would have understood about the Holy Spirit prior to Pentecost.
- The children compared two pieces of art depicting the Holy Spirit, thinking about the symbolism used and linking the picture to scripture.

Key vocabulary: Holy Spirit, Trinity, Messiah, Prophet

English

Text: The Watertower

Genre: descriptive recount

- The children have been looking closely at the two main characters in the story and what we learn about their personalities through dialogue.
- The children have brainstormed their own characters and setting taking inspiration from The Watertower.
- The children have worked in small groups to write a descriptive paragraph describing a setting.

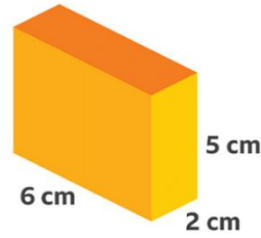
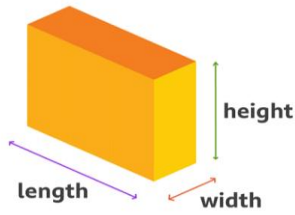
Key vocabulary: Suspense, tension, dialogue, inverted commas, show don't tell technique

Next week the children will be writing their own suspenseful descriptive recount

Maths

Topic: volume and capacity

- The children have been finding the volume of 2D shapes by multiplying length X width X height



$$V = l \times w \times h$$

First replace the letters with the measurements.

$$V = 6\text{cm} \times 2\text{cm} \times 5\text{cm}$$

Now multiply these values together.

$$V = 60\text{cm}^3$$

- The children were estimating capacity
- Children have started the next topic of percentages.

Key vocabulary: volume, height, length, width, capacity, estimation

Pre-teaching: next week the children will be representing percentages as fractions and decimals.

Science

Topic: Forces and space

- The children were exploring the force of gravity and its relationship to mass through investigating the gravity of different planets.

Key vocabulary: anomaly, data, distance, force, gravity, mass

Pre-teaching: children will be describing air resistance

Extra information:

- Swimming starts for Year 5 Padua on Monday 27th April
- On Friday 1st May the Year 5 children will be visiting Cassiobury Park as part of the Rivers topic in Geography. Please check your emails for the list of items they will need on this day.
- A reminder that Monday May 4th is a bank holiday so the school will be closed.
- As part of our next English topic, we will be studying 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. To help the children follow along and fully enjoy the story, it would be extremely helpful if each child could have their own copy of the book in school. If you are able to purchase a copy, please send it in with your child. We kindly ask that children do not read ahead, as we will be exploring the text together in class and want everyone to experience each chapter at the same pace.

Have a lovely weekend, the Year 5 team