

Year 5 Spring 1 2020

Year five have had an excellent start to 2020.

English: We have been continuing our book study of 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and have produced a range of writing based on the task. We studied formal and informal vocabulary and used formal vocabulary when we wrote letters to the Prime Minister about the current refugee situation. We are waiting to see if we get a response. We've also been studying 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner. As part of this we found out all about the features of news articles and wrote our own articles about the events in the story.

Maths: In Maths we have been investigating area and perimeter and have also developed our multiplication and division knowledge. We really enjoyed learning how to do long multiplication and Mrs. Littlewood thinks we're all marvellous mathematicians for how hard we worked and how good we are at completing the calculations.

Geography: This half term our topic has been mountains and we have used maps and atlases to identify mountain ranges across the world. We found out how mountains are formed and investigated the climate of mountains. We worked in groups to produce a mountain holiday brochure before studying the positive and negative effects of mountain tourism.



Art: In art we have been developing our drawing skills by finding out how to use shade and tone to make our drawings look 3D. We practised drawing different shapes before trying to draw still-life pictures. Mrs. Littlewood thinks that we tried hard to develop our drawing skills and that there are some very talented artists amongst us.

Music:

We had the pleasure of working with John Kefala-Kerr, a composer. We used a range of resources to make music that could accompany detective fiction; having the focus word 'mystery' helped a lot. Some of the resources we used included: cornflakes, bubble wrap and plastic bags. We thought about the tone, pitch and pace of the sounds that we made and worked in groups to compose a range of sounds. Some of our sounds will be used in the new exhibition at The Word. We can't wait to visit to see if we can recognise our sounds.



Next half term we are going to be finding out if the Vikings really were vicious and victorious. We are going to be doing some narrative writing in English and lots of work on fractions in maths.