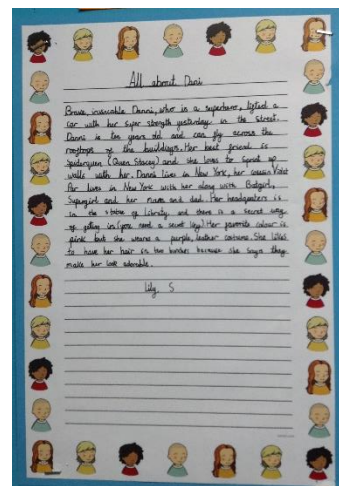
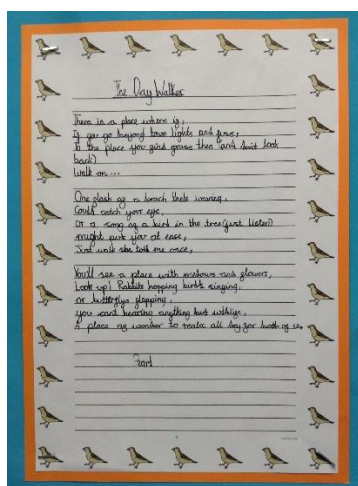


Year Five Autumn One

Year Five have made an excellent start to the autumn term. We have settled back into our school routines and have already made some excellent progress. We would like to tell you about some of the work that we have completed.

English

We started the term by studying the whole school text *Here We Are*. As part of our studies, we wrote poems, designed posters, wrote letters to people or pets who are special to us and wrote character descriptions. After that, we started studying the text *Beowulf* and have written the most gruesome and gory descriptions of the evil Grendel's lair. We will be writing our own stories based on the legend of *Beowulf* after half term. Our class read is currently *The Big Wolf Conspiracy*, which was written by our Book Penpal, Dashe Roberts. We have already received a postcard from Dashe and enjoyed writing back to tell her about ourselves and to ask her questions about the book.



Maths

We started by learning all about place value, including reading and writing large numbers, rounding and Roman Numerals. We have also practised our calculating skills with addition and subtraction and can apply our skills to problem solving activities. We really stretched our brains and thinking skills when we tried to solve cryptarithms where the numbers in calculations were replaced by letters and we had to work out which digit each letter represented.

History

We have enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons this half term. We studied a timeline of key events and tried to decide what we thought different artefacts from Anglo-Saxon times were used for before deducting whom we thought the artefacts belonged too. We also found out about crime and punishment in Anglo-Saxon times – we all thought that some of the punishments were very harsh but also quite fair.

Art

We have designed our own Anglo-Saxon brooches and illuminated letters linked to our Anglo-Saxons and Northern Saints topics. We looked at the common features of the brooches and illuminated letters and used that as inspiration for our own.

P.E.

This half term we have been very lucky as we have been able to work with Paula, a yoga teacher. Paula has taught us many yoga poses and relaxation techniques and is helping us to develop our self-awareness and awareness of the world around us. We have worked in teams to create sequences of yoga moves. We have also developed our skills in handball and thought about techniques for creating space in invasion games. We also all enjoyed a problem solving activity which helped us to develop our ability to work as part of a team.

Next half term we will be studying:

Maths – Statistics; Factors, multiples and square numbers.

English – Five part stories, biographies, The Jabberwocky.

Geography – how to navigate the world.

RE – Christmas traditions

DT – Christmas decorations