

Year 5 – Autumn Term Two

Year 5 have loved the Christmas term. Although we have had a brilliant couple of weeks with Christmas crafts and performances, we have still been working really hard. We have studied a suspense text called *The water tower*, by Gary Crew and we have been doing lots of work in maths about statistics and formal methods in multiplication and division. We've thoroughly enjoyed working on our skills involving the Earth in Geography and have had a lot of fun making a soft toy for a younger member of our family in DT. We have been focusing on our positive mental health, doing lots of work on 'I can't to I can'. Our reading for pleasure books have really hooked our children in - we especially enjoyed 'The Christmas dinner of souls' - you could hear a pin drop when we read it. We can't wait for more fun learning in the Spring Term - Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year!

How can I map the world from space? Geography –

We have been learning a lot about mapping this half term. We have used lines of longitude and latitude to plot times in different countries and work out their daylight hours. We have been using coordinates to locate different places in the world. We have had a great time blending our maths and geography skills for this unit.

English – This half term we have been studying *The Water Tower* by Gary Crew in English. We have focused on building tension and atmosphere and we have been using high-level language to write some amazing descriptions – which we performed to the class brilliantly. We used all of our knowledge to write a character monologue. We were very passionate about bringing our character to life.

Christmas at the Openzone...

For the trip this half term we have visited the Openzone at the Word. We have made Christmas decorations...



Maths – We've been doing lots on number this half-term building our confidence back up with fluency and then applying it to reasoning activities. We used all that we had learned in the use of the four operations, place value, rounding and negative numbers to solve problems in our statistics unit. We have been reading graphs and timetables. We have also done a lot of work on times tables and have looked at multiples, factors and common factors to help us identify patterns and solve problems. We are still really enjoying Maths; and are feeling successful as well as having lots of fun!

Art/Design Technology –

This half term we've linked our art/DT to Christmas! We used market research to identify popular toy trends and how to make them from soft materials and then we learned how to sew using a whipstitch to create our final products.



Spring Term One:

- History: We the Vikings really vicious and victorious?
- Science: Could you be the next CSI investigator?
- English: Stuck, Oliver Jeffers.
- Maths: Multiplication, division and fractions.