

Year 6 Spring 1

Maths

This half term we have studied decimals, percentages and their relationship with fractions. We have plotted points in four quadrants and practised converting measures in order to solve problems. We have continued working on our arithmetic skills and on our recall of key number facts. We are practising our reasoning and problem skills daily; sharing the different ways that we solve problems is interesting and we have discovered that we all prefer working in different ways.

English

We completed the book 'Rose Blanche' and wrote stories about Rose's journey and descriptions of the concentration camp. We also wrote an internal monologue from Rose's point of view. Mrs Littlewood thought the writing we produced was our best writing in year six so far. We also took part in Holocaust memorial week and read the story 'Them' by Tom Palmer. We chose our own ways to respond to the text: we produced diaries, articles, play scripts and poems. After that, we read the whole school text 'Stuck' and wrote funny accounts from the point of view of one of the stuck objects. We are currently reading The Explorer by Katherine Rundell, which is linked to our rainforest topic.

Geography

In geography, we have learned about rainforests, with a focus on The Amazon rainforest. We started by studying the world's different biomes before learning the countries of South America. We then located rainforests across the world, in particular the Amazon rainforest. We found out why rainforests are useful and how they are at risk.

Art

We studied the work of Henri Rousseau before practising our sketching technique by drawing plants and flowers from the rainforest. We then created collages using the sketches and overlapping the different parts.





Science

In science, we have been learning about living things and how they are classified. We designed our own classification system and found out about the work of Carl Linnaeus. We then started looking at microorganisms and researched the work of Edward Jenner.

PSHE

This half term we have looked at finances and found out about when people may need to borrow money and which options are available. We discussed safe choices and discussed whether or not loans were necessary in given situations. We also watched a theatre production of *The Red Tree* by Shaun Tan. We thought about the good and bad ways in which days can begin and thought about our hopes, dreams and wishes for the future.



Next half term, we are looking forward to finding out all about Brazil in geography. We will be learning algebra, ratio and area, perimeter and volume in maths. We will be continuing with our class text 'The Explorer' in English – focusing on writing non-chronological reports, narratives and a biography.