

Monday, 18th March 2019

We have lots of news from around the classes this week thanks to our teachers in P5, P6 and P7. Primary 5 have been continuing with our Viking topic. Both classes have created different Viking longships, photos of these are available on the class pages. We are also looking forward to our Viking afternoon on Monday 25th March with some Viking re-enactors coming in. We will be taking part in various workshops throughout the afternoon. In maths we are continuing our fractions work. Any practice of multiplication and division at home would be a wonderful way to complement this learning. Due to the ongoing news surrounding Brexit and the discussions children are leading in classes, we will be focussing our writing this week with a letter to Newsround. The pupils have learned a lot from Newsround so far, but children have questions that are important to them that they would like to see answered – hopefully these will be addressed on Newsround and aired for everyone to see ! During the last week of term, P5 will be learning about and building Viking settlements. To do this, we will need a variety of junk resources including; yoghurt pots, card, toilet roll holders, etc. Over the coming weeks, pupils can bring in any junk from home.

The P6 children had a great experience at Drummond Community High School on Wednesday 13th March. They were able to interact with some High School pupils and share in their Breakfast Club facilities. Following this, the children then completed a 'Treasure Hunt' around the school; as a means of becoming more familiar with their surroundings and to meet some staff members. P6A have been concluding work on fractions, decimals and percentages. We have been learning to convert common fractions and values. We are moving towards identifying and measuring angles. This will include within shapes and through dissecting lines. Through our topic the children have continued to learn about some key aspects of World War 2. They showed great maturity when beginning to understand the Holocaust and its impact on European society. We are now investigating the changing role of women throughout and following the war. P6B have been enjoying learning about WW2. We have been doing lots of writing using the topic as a stimulus. We wrote newspaper reports on the holocaust and wrote diary entrees in the role of an evacuee in WW2. This week we are going to be looking at how the role of women changed in the war and research some of the jobs they had to do.

The children in P7 have been busy rehearsing for their show. P7A have been learning about the Jacobites. We've learnt about how Highlanders lived in the 1700s, looking at what their homes were like, what they ate and how they dressed. In addition, we've been finding out about why the Jacobites took up arms, who were the most significant people involved and what happened at the major battles. In maths we have been revising 3D shapes and considering why certain shapes are used in preference to others for everyday objects. . P7b have been inspired by Book Week and the author/illustrator Anthony Browne. They have been creating some very imaginative worry dolls for themselves and for their p1 buddies. The worry dolls even come with a box or a bag to store them. The creativity in the classroom has been inspiring and it has been super to watch the pupils sharing ideas and supporting one another. P7b have also been learning about the Jacobite era. They are creating a book using the Book Creator app to share their learning.

The refurbishment programme will see our resource room completed this week and then it will be the turn of P6 and their teacher Miss Judges to move into a temporary space while their own classroom is upgraded for them.

We've had to abandon plans for purchasing sound and screen systems for the school hall for the moment. This proved to be too costly for now but we might look at this again in the next financial year.

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