



Year 5 Newsletter

SCIENCE

In science we have been looking at life cycles for plants. We have pulled apart a flower to see what was inside, it was very interesting. We learnt that the parts of the flower are: pollen, ovary, ovule, sepal, filament, anther, stigma, petal, stem and style. At the moment, we are looking at life cycles of insects and animals.



HISTORY



In history we learnt about a local hero named Ethel Smyth. We took part in a live workshop from Surrey Museum where we had the opportunity to look at some artefacts and become history detectives. Ethel was a courageous woman who became female conductor, wrote books, lived abroad and was also part of the suffragette movement. We all enjoyed learning about a key local figure and her many achievements.

Positive Mental Wellbeing

In PSHE, we have been discussing respectful relationships. We have talked about respect within families and friendships and discussed the attributes of a healthy relationship. We enjoyed writing a friendship recipe.



PE

This half term we have been learning how to play football. We have been lucky enough to have Coach Rob from Complete Coaching come and teach us some ball skills. This Thursday we will be putting these to the test in an Inter-house tournament.

RE

In R.E we explored peoples' different belief systems and looked at how this may help us live more harmoniously. We had some very exciting lessons where we imagined the world was a village and thought what this would look and feel like. This made me realise that there are people in the world that aren't as lucky as we are and don't have enough to survive. To conclude we had a lesson called: the world is bananas. We also learnt about fair trade products and their importance.

READING



In Reading we have been looking at the book Rumble Star which is a book about courage. However, we have also been looking at other texts such as: Rosa Parks, Ceaser Chavez, Storm Keepers Daughter, Charles Darwin and Mahatma Gandhi. I really enjoyed Rumble Star and doing the lessons based on it. I cant wait to read 'The Girl Who Speaks Bear' which is our next book.

ENGLISH

This term we have been working hard on our writing and getting to grips with our new writing approach. We had a go at writing our own stories following on from 'the present' a short animation film we wrote about at the start of the year. We have been learning about biographies and how they work and how to write one. We have also learnt how to use different grammar like: superlatives, verbs, adverbs, adjectives and many more. We have researched about lots of history in the process of writing.

We have learnt a lot from our English and will hopefully learn much more later in the year.