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Dear Parents/Carers,
How the weeks have flown! It is hard to believe that we are at the half term break already. In school, there have been a number of activities happening to enhance the learning experience for all of our children. Here are just a few of the headlines...

Passport to the World

Each year, our children get involved with "Passport to the World". In these sessions, the children learn about cultures around the world. This year, each class has been learning about the wider world, with a focus on the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, the world's stories and the world's music.

Year 6 have been learning about Japan: they have written their own descriptive writing based on a Japanese book (Kiki's Delivery Service) and tried their hand at calligraphy, the art of writing. Their wonderful pieces of artwork can be seen on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Year 3 focused on Brazil, taking a virtual trip to the country. They then wrote about their trip, including where they'd been and what they'd seen. Making use of the instruments in school, they also tried their hand at samba music from a Brazil carnival. They used drums, tambourines, claves and shakers.

Year 4 have focussed on France and have even created their own leaflets to promote the wonders of Paris to potential tourists. They also took part in an Olympic activity session, where they competed in different events, such as broad jump and vertical jump.

Year 5, linking in with their topic on rainforests, have studied Brazil and have read some ancient Brazilian folktales which inspired their own writing. They wrote about Iura and Curupira.

Year 2 learnt about Japan and Australia. They learnt about the conservation of the coral reefs and then created their own sea animals out of salt dough. They

also learnt some Japanese and had a go at writing the characters too.

Sri Lanka has been the location of choice for Year 1. They looked at the country from the air and noted how it was shaped like a tear. They also learnt about the flag of Sri Lanka and designed their own traditional masks called Rakha. To finish the week, they worked with some traditional music too.

Our Reception children brought in to school items from a different country. Items included a piece of rock from an Icelandic volcano, a souvenir from Kilimanjaro and other items from China, the Philippines and the USA, amongst others. They then found the countries on Google Earth.



Zoo2U

Year groups across the school received some non-human visitors on Monday, with a visit from local company Zoo2U. During the sessions, the children got to handle the animals, including a guinea pig, a skunk, a Madagascan tenrec, a snake and a giant millipede. There was even a rather majestic owl in attendance too! Each of the sessions was focussed on the prior learning that the children had done in science, from habitat and classification, to adaptations and even a touch on evolution. Many thanks to Zoo2U for the fantastic sessions.

Year 1 Yellow Brick Road

Last Friday, Year 1 enjoyed their visit from the ladies at Yellow Brick Road Workshops. The children learned about how to identify toys old and new. They had great fun playing with a range of toys from across the decades. They also had a great time joining in with some drama activities and gave Mrs Griffin quite a fright pretending to be Jack-in-a-boxes!



Cricket with Ben Tomlinson

Over the last few weeks, Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have been lucky enough to receive cricket coaching from Ben Tomlinson, a coach with Cheshire County Cricket. During the sessions, the children developed their skills in batting, bowling and fielding.

If any children in the school are interested in playing cricket, click on the following link: https://www.chancetoshine.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwhr2FBhDbARIsACjwLo1g1DVvXLxapZM1_KC10oK7iiT6ndjq66k4DoE7W6E9b1Gg9VDWvQwaAsQcEALw_wcB

Hay Festival

Hay Festival is a literary festival which usually takes place on location in Hay-on-Wye, a town known the world over for being full of books!

As no live event can take place, over half term, Hay Festival is holding an array of live online events for children, including Q&As and readings from award-winning children's authors such as David Walliams and Cressida Cowell.

To register for the event, click on the following link or just Google "Hay Festival". https://www.hayfestival.com/m-163-hay-festival-2021.aspx?skinid=1¤cysetting=GBP&localesetting=en-GB&genrefilterid=0&categoryfilterid=0§ionfilterid=636&pagenum=1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Hay%20Festival%202021%20opening&utm_content=Hay%20Festival%202021%20opening+CID_abebc16e256b73767a8de63abf526aed&utm_source=Newsletter&utm_term=here

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Amazon Wish List

As you may be aware, we are in the process of building a new school library. We strongly believe that promoting a love of reading in our school is an integral part of our school life. Many thanks to parents who have already donated a host of wonderful books to populate our library area. Should you wish to support the school further, we have put together a wish list of books available on Amazon. We would be grateful of any help you could give.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/35SEFBKCIF0MH/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

And finally

We hope you have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you on 8th June.

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher