

It's Nearly Christmas

In the build up to Christmas we have continued to work hard as well as starting to enjoy some festive activities.

Our English topic has now moved on and we have linked our latest work with science. In science we have been furthering our knowledge of electricity as well as recapping key symbols and vocabulary. With this, we have been investigating key questions and developing our skills when working scientifically, ensuring we carry out a fair test. Taking our investigation – does the length of wire affect the brightness of the bulb? – we are now learning how to write this up in English lessons. We are considering the structure of a science report whilst using sub-headings such as: prediction, method, results and conclusion.

In Maths we have finished our topic of fractions and had great fun moving our Maths outside in to the playground when we began to recap and learn coordinates. In the playground we drew a huge quadrant and learnt the rule – along the corridor and up the stairs – by actually walking the lines on the floor. Once we grasped the understanding we were able to transfer these skills to our books and now understand how to read and plot coordinates.

We have completed our art topic of Pop Art using Andy Warhol as inspiration and evaluated our work considering which technique was most effective and what we could improve upon. Ready for Christmas we have been learning a new skill of Batik which involves melting wax and creating a pattern on fabric with it. Then we have dyed the fabric and are looking forward to seeing the results next week when the wax is ironed off. With our final pieces we are making bunting to decorate the hall with on our Christmas jumper day as well as something to take to home.



Our Crime and Punishment topic came to a close this week when we compared Victorian times with modern day. We learnt how the Victorians introduced the police force and prisons and discussed the similarities and differences after trying out some activities that represented the hard labour they used to have to go through in prison. We were also lucky enough to have a visit from a police sergeant who kindly answered a wide range of questions and helped us to understand more, as well as learn about policing today.

In our Intra-House competition we brought our netball topic to a close with Endeavour winning all of their matches. We have also completed many tests to see the progress we have made already. Our teachers are very proud of our achievements and we are looking forward to continuing in this vein after Christmas.

Next 2 weeks

Over the next 2 weeks in English we will be completing our Science investigations and helping each other to edit and improve our work before writing them up in our Independent Writing Books. In Maths, we will be looking at decimals and converting between fractions and

percentages. As we prepare for our SATs exams our topic will be '**S**uper **A**wesome **T**errific **S**tudents'.