

Year 5LJ

Year Group Curriculum Review

Autumn 2023

Geography

Year 5 have enjoyed learning all about rivers in Geography, with a focus on the local area. The children located the River Tees on a range of maps and learnt about both the features of the river and its uses. At the end of the topic, the children produced some beautiful work detailing everything they had learned.



English

The children have worked hard when reading and writing this term. They have enjoyed basing their writing upon the texts, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf and 'The Clockwork Crow' by Catherine Fisher. They could often be heard complaining at the end of each chapter of 'The Clockwork Crow' as they were desperate to find out what happened next! As part of our work in UK Parliament Week, the children wrote some excellent formal letters to local MP, Peter Gibson, to inform him of their learning.



Science

This term, Y5LJ have been learning about the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. The children have enjoyed researching the gestation periods of different mammals and comparing them to find out if a mammal's size has an impact on the length of its gestation period. They also worked in pairs to research and compare the life cycles of birds, insects and amphibians.



PE

This half term, Year 5 have been practising their gymnastics skills. They have worked cooperatively in pairs to sequence a range of mirrored balances, jumps and rolls. They have also considered how to use apparatus within their routines.



RE

The children have been learning all about Islam this term, with a focus on the key beliefs of the Islamic faith and how Muslims worship in a mosque. The children enjoyed learning about the key features of a mosque and they were lucky enough to watch a video of Muslims being called to prayer at a mosque in Saudi Arabia, kindly sent in by one of our parents.



Design and Technology

In DT, Y5LJ showed off their creative talents when designing and making shelters for the playground. They worked hard to create their final designs, thinking carefully about the steps they needed to take in order to make their products.

