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Summer Term 2 2024

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I write this section of the newsletter, the day before our Summer Fayre! With the weather forecast looking good (fingers crossed), I am sure that this will be a fantastic event and a fitting way to end another successful year at Heather Field School. One of the highlights of this academic year has to be our Summer Concert, which took place last week at Newcastle College. I was blown away by the creativity and courage of all of our magnificent pupils that performed and would like to give a special thank you to Matt Giles for all of his hard work in putting the show together. I would also like to thank our wonderful parents and carers who travelled on mass to Newcastle to support the event and our children.

A reminder that school will obviously close this Friday (19th July) for the summer holidays. School will reopen to pupils on Thursday 5th September. However, parents and carers have the opportunity to visit school on the morning of Wednesday 4th September to discuss their child's Individual Education Plan for the new academic year. These visits will be arranged through their child's class teacher. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available on the day if parents and carers would like to stay and chat with members of the Senior Leadership Team in our school dining hall.

I would like to wish everyone in our school community a lovely summer break and I look forward to welcoming our pupils back in the new academic year.

Richard Leech

Head of School



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Class Sow



Class Sow have enjoyed PSHE and Citizenship this half term. Key Stage 3 began studying a unit titled 'Earning and Spending' where they explored a range of shops and a highlight was Dylan buying ice cream. Dylan said, "I enjoyed going to the shop to buy the ice creams



and really enjoyed eating them afterwards". They then went on to complete a Heather Field 50 activity by visiting a coffee shop and ordering a drink. Key stage 2 pupils have been learning about



how we live together in society. Pupils engaged well in role play activities to show how it feels to be left out of activities but also worked as a team to build a shelter on Cannock Chase, successfully completing another Heather Field 50 activity.



Class Severn



Class Severn have worked hard during the summer term ensuring their Btec Work Skills course has been completed. One of their activities was identifying team work skills and they had the opportunity to put this into practice. The boys completed a river crossing challenge working together to plan their path



across, using tyres and attempts but they all end.



planks. It took a few managed it safely in the



Class Penk

During our English lessons this half term, Class Penk have enjoyed exploring different genres.



children developed their understanding of a variety of non-texts. We decided to focus on leaflets

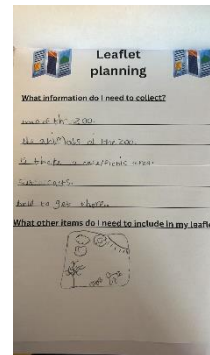


The fiction and

were able to compare a number of different leaflets and their purposes, before creating a list of different features. As per our theme of writing this term, "The Zoo", the children were able to create their own zoo leaflets. This was undertaken over a period of time where we explored what information we would need include; we were fortunate to be able to visit Twycross Zoo in order to collect the information needed. Feeling inspired and full of knowledge, the children got to work and created some fantastic leaflets. They showed a fantastic



knowledge of the features discussed and the correct information. Great job Class Penk.



Class Waldron



Class Waldron have celebrated a range of diversity days over the summer term. For Staffordshire Day, the class visited Stafford Castle, and enjoyed a traditional oatcake. M thought it was delicious! As part of 'Gender Awareness Day', the class engaged in some fantastic discussions about gender stereotypes. By the end of the day, L was able to explain that "Girls and boys can be whatever they want to be when they grow up!". Finally, the class enjoyed



celebrating 'Diet and Nutrition Day'. All pupils showed fantastic understanding of what a balanced, healthy meal consists of. The class were lucky enough to visit a local salad bar, where they were encouraged to create a balanced and healthy lunch. BW used the opportunity to try some new foods, and said his healthy lunch was "Really yummy!".



Class Manifold





Class Manifold have had great fun in music this half term. In their class music lessons, students developed their understanding of the style indicators of gospel music through the songs 'Lean on Me' by Bill Withers and 'He Still Loves Me' by Walter Williams and Beyonce. They used their own



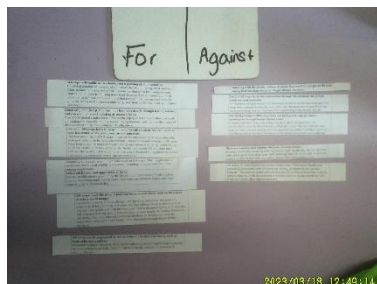
body pulses to analyse the changes in tempo in each song, differentiating between pulse and rhythm. Students explored the history of gospel music and were able to compare it to pop music, stating their preferences and giving reasons why. In their music take



outs this half term, students worked hard towards preparing for the summer concert and were able to join the rest of the school in putting on a fantastic performance.

Class Dove – KS3

Class Dove have enjoyed their RE lessons this term. They began by studying the difference between facts and beliefs which sparked some really interesting conversations between pupils. 'M' particularly enjoyed the debates we had. Students then went on to identify the evolution theory and what religions say about evolution. Pupils engaged in a debate about whether scientists could also be religious or whether science and religion contradicted each other too much.



Class Dove – KS2

In the summer term, KS2 Dove have been working hard to explore the months and seasons across the year, as well as the weather in French. They have been able to describe a variety of weather



conditions and use this knowledge to create and present their own weather forecast for a map of France! H said "Their weather is like ours, a bit sunny and a bit rainy". Pupils then moved on to looking at clothing, using a range of colours and adjectives to describe different types of clothes. Children had lots of fun designing their own outfits before writing a description of them; E enjoyed picking out "La jolie robe", whilst R preferred "Les baskets noirs". Well done class Dove!



Class Dane

Class Dane have enjoyed art this half term. They enjoyed studying extreme earth and a volcano models. A highlight was creating a cross section of the earth using a variety of materials. The pupils enjoyed making a volcano model. They then went on to learn about how she represents volcanoes. The art work created how she represents volcanoes. The



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children successfully mixed colours to create the tones they'd like for their own artwork.



Class Blithe





Class Blithe have thoroughly enjoyed science this term. Pupils have been looking at reversible and irreversible changes in materials. Pupils have taken part in many investigations including; heating, melting and burning materials. 'D' reported that burning coal and



taking part in a class barbeque has been his favourite lesson all year. Pupils recognised that the changes in both the food and coal were irreversible. Taking part in many investigations has given the pupils the chance to develop their prediction skills and



given them opportunities to explain and justify their opinions. Well done Class Blithe.

Class Meese

Class Meese have enjoyed pupils began by exploring a equipment. They discussed the shape. When designing his own needs to be colourful so that have thoroughly enjoyed materials and paint. Pupils then discuss what went well and enjoyed exploring healthy and sandwich fillings and planned their own delicious sandwich. Finlay said "Eating salad will help to keep your body healthy." Pupils then went on to create their own chosen sandwich which they then enjoyed eating and evaluating.



Design and Technology this half term. KS1 local park and identifying different play materials used and explored colour and play equipment, Charlie said "The park children want to play on it." The children creating their designs using recycling went on to evaluate their model and what they could improve. KS2 pupils unhealthy foods. They explored different



Class Churnet



Class Churnet have enjoyed history this half term. They began studying terms such as 'Blitzkrieg' and 'Blitz' and linked them to WW2. Students were then able to assess why Hitler wasn't able to invade Britain in September 1940. Class Churnet particularly enjoyed visiting RAF Cosford to explore the Second World War and Test Flight aircraft, as well as the Battle of Britain display, the world's oldest Spitfire, and the only surviving Defiant! Angus said "I can't believe these are some of the planes used in WW2." Everyone enjoyed sitting in the cockpit of a Phantom F4 and seeing the world's oldest Spitfire. Adam said "I got to pretend to be a pilot!"

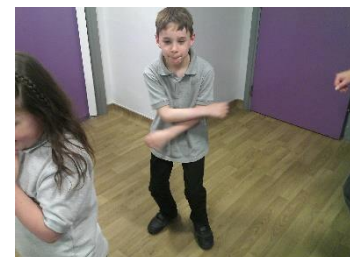


Class Stour



Amelie has particularly enjoyed using her lovely singing voice during 'Fly Heart'! Great work

Class Stour have really enjoyed music this half term. They began the half term by using their voices to sing. KS1 pupils linked in their history topic 'Our School' by singing school assembly songs. A highlight for all pupils this term was learning about Rock and Roll music! Pupils loved doing 'The Twist' and Adar said 'This music is funny.'. Throughout the half term, Class Stour have been rehearsing for the Summer Concert. to Your Class Stour.

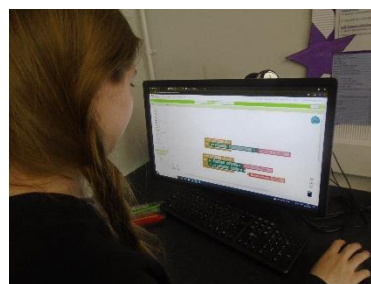
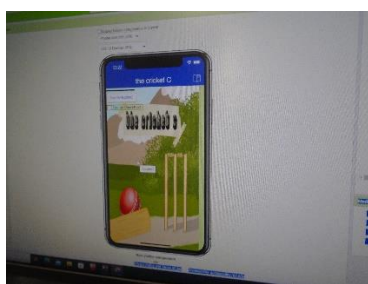


Class Trent



In the summer term, class Trent have worked hard in their ICT lessons to create their own sports app using the MIT app inventor application online. Throughout the process, they followed a set of instructions to help them create buttons; include pictures and add code to their own applications, to ensure that their own creations worked effectively.

Although many of the pupils found the app inventor very tough to use, they were very resilient and successfully completed the task. Well done, Trent!



Have a wonderful Summer Break

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back in school on
Thursday 5th September 2024

