

Oak class Summer Term 1

Oak class have been learning all about the Amazing Americas this term, with lots of input from our own 'Amazing American' - Mrs Ferguson!

In English, we are reading the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, which is set in the desert in Texas. We have based most of our learning in English on this text, writing letters home from Camp Greenlake, describing characters, and researching desert animals. Did you know that Texas Banded Geckos can 'drop' their tails if they feel threatened and regrow a new one? Or that black-tailed jackrabbits can jump over 6 metres? Well, Oak class do!

We have linked our geography and science work this term, learning about the geography and biomes of the Americas and the plants and animals that live there. We have looked closely at the reproduction of flowering plants and discovered how different living things are adapted to their habitats, especially the desert environment.

One of our favourite activities this term has been researching and trying a range of foods from the Americas for DT. Lots of Oak class were brave enough to try spicy jalapenos, and the pomegranates and passion fruit were very popular. Mrs Ferguson made everyone a buttermilk pancake with maple syrup, and 'biscuit', which is eaten at the side of a main meal - with gravy!

The class have also been listening to and discussing musical styles from the Americas, including Blues, Tango, and Samba.



In maths, we have spent some time looking at position and direction, (including co-ordinates, reflection and translation) statistics, (including line graphs and pie charts) and measures (including length, mass, capacity and time). Year 4 are also practising hard for their multiplication tables check after half term.



In RE, Oak have continued to learn about the Islamic faith, answering the question 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?' and in PSHE they have been learning about how to stay safe on the Internet, focusing on their online identity and what that means.

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For PE this term, we have been making the most of the better weather to get outside, developing skills in hockey and cricket. The girls in year 4 and 5 had fun at the girls' football event, and Mrs (sporty) Brown and Clare from the Melton Sports Partnership worked with year 5 and 6 to develop their sports leadership skills so they could lead activities for the rest of the school at our 'mini-Olympics'.



Last but definitely not least, year 6 did themselves proud during SATs week this term - the culmination of 7 years of hard work and learning.

