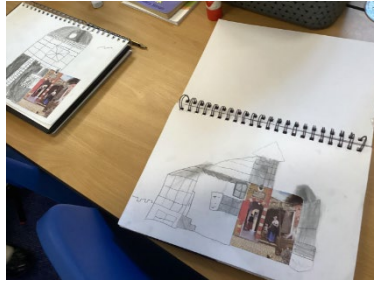


## Oak Autumn Term 2 Update

It has been a long and busy term in Oak Class, with lots of learning and amazing enrichment opportunities.

We started the term with 'Take One Picture' week, focusing on the painting 'Courtyard of a House in Delft' by Pieter de Hooch. We were fascinated by what might be beyond the doorway in the courtyard, and wrote some amazing descriptions of what could be behind a mysterious door. We also took part in drama workshops with a visiting teacher from Iveshead secondary school, and produced beautiful paintings of Delft pottery with the Kathryn Saunby art studio.



Our topic this term has been 'War – What is it Good For?' and this thread has run through all of our learning as we think about conflicts in the past, specifically World War 2, and conflicts that are still going on in the world today.

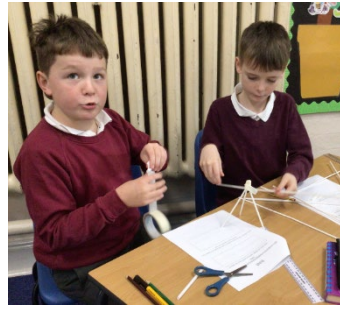
Most of our English work has been related to our topic. We have read 'The Lion and the Unicorn' and 'The Emergency Zoo,' and watched a short film called 'Beyond the Lines'. We have written letters from Lenny in 'The Lion and the Unicorn', who is evacuated to the countryside, and created our own suspenseful and exciting stories based on the soldier's point of view in 'Beyond the Lines'.



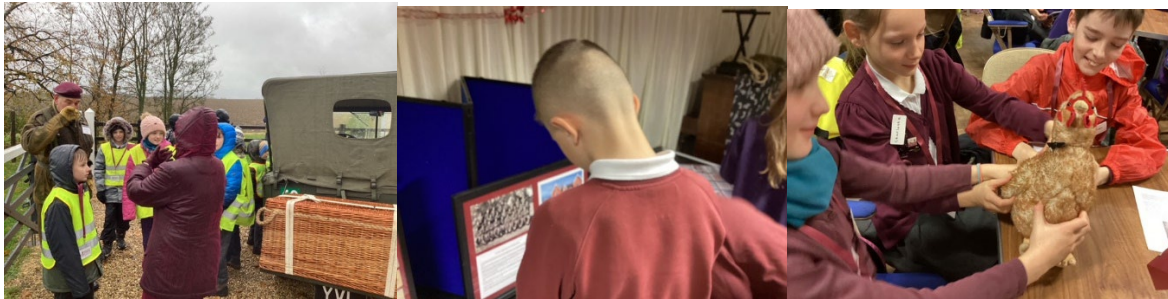
In maths, we have been working hard to master the four operations – year 4 are proud to have learnt written multiplication and bus stop division, whilst those in year 5 and 6 have been challenged to multiply and divide by 2-digit numbers. We ended the term with some geometry work, plotting co-ordinates, translating and reflecting shapes.

In science, we have been taking a journey through our body, learning about the circulatory system. Making 'blood' from marshmallows, pompoms, cheerios and red food colouring helped us to see that our blood is made up of red and white blood cells, plasma and platelets.

In history, we have explored what life would have been like for children living in World War 2 – both in the city and the countryside. We have learnt about evacuation and the Kindertransport, and found out about Anne Frank, whose diaries teach us so much about what it was like to be a child in hiding. We have designed and made Anderson shelters, and even had a World War 2 Christmas Day in costume, where we made 'make do and mend' Christmas cards and decorations.



One of the highlights of the term, despite the rainy weather, was our day with the Friends of the Tenth, learning about life in Somerby during World War 2, and about the Tenth Battalion who were stationed here. Some of the thoughtful written responses to our day included poems, diaries and letters (including the diary of Myrtle the Parachick!) We are looking forward to seeing our work in print.



In music, Oak class have been learning to play the guitar with Tony Rifugiato, and made wonderful progress with their skills. They performed beautifully for their families and the rest of the school, demonstrating what they have learnt.

In PE, all members of the class have had the opportunity to take part in an outside sports event – wheelchair basketball and dodgeball – and have developed their skills in basketball, indoor athletics and handball during PE lessons. They have explored the idea of what is ‘normal’ in PSHE, considering what forms discrimination can take, and have answered the question ‘Why is the Torah important to Jewish people?’ in RE, creating a PowerPoint to share their learning.

