

## Oak Class - Summer Term 1

In Oak class we have gone right back in time to explore the earliest humans this term with our new topic 'Ancient Ancestors.'

In English we have been reading a brilliant book called 'The Wild Way Home' about a boy called Charlie who finds himself in the stone age with a boy called Harby, and has to find his way back home. It is full of twists, turns and cliffhangers, and has inspired our own stories about what might happen if you slipped back in time. We have also written information texts and very entertaining instructions for looking after a stone age animal, based on the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth.' We came up with lots of interesting strategies for cleaning a sabre-toothed tiger's teeth!

In maths we have been working on shape, measures and statistics this term, as well as keeping our arithmetic up to scratch with our daily and weekly retrieval sessions. Year 4 are doing brilliantly with 'Mastering Number', which is helping them learn their times tables.

In history, we have been finding out about life in the Stone Age, and also learning HOW we know out about events that happened so long ago. We have produced art work inspired by Stone Age cave paintings, and even had a go at creating our own paint using natural materials.



In science, we have been finding out about evolution and inheritance. We have learnt how living things (including us!) inherit characteristics from their parents, and adapt to their environment over time, causing evolution. We had a go at creating a well-adapted animal that would last a million years, and also took part in 'The Battle of the Beaks', investigating how birds with different shaped beaks are better suited to different foods.





We've been working on racket sports in PE, trying our hand at tennis and badminton and noticing the similarities and differences. We keep moving every day with our daily boost, and year 5 had the chance to be sports leaders, running a mini-olympics for the rest of the school.



In RE, the children have been trying to think about 'What would Jesus do?' in different situations, and in PSHE they have explored their health and wellbeing. They also had a wellbeing workshop with 'Relate' where they made happiness boxes to take home and use if they need cheering up. We looked after our mental health during Mental Health Awareness week with a range of mindfulness activities, and ended the week with an afternoon enjoying the outdoors.



In music, we had a special piece to prepare for our visit to the De Montfort Hall for the Leicester Makes Music festival – it was amazing hearing 1500 children all singing the same tune and performing their body percussion.



Year 6 have made us all incredibly proud with their calm and focused attitude towards their SATs this term, and we are now looking forward to our last few weeks before the summer break, with lots more exciting learning opportunities planned as well as a residential, transition visits and an end of term show to practice and perform.