

PHOENIX CLASS END OF TERM 5 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another term draws to a close. Even though it was a short one (only five weeks), children in Phoenix class have tried hard to fit in lots of interesting learning.

The main theme has been about saving our planet. We began the term bringing together lots of ideas of how to protect our environment and conserve resources. We made posters and fact sheets. This fed into some persuasive letter writing where we wrote to the local MP about things that need to change with the way people treat the planet. Children became well versed in using features of persuasive writing such as repetition, rhetorical questions, using emotive language and clearly stating reasons and consequences of our actions. Together, we also followed the story of a plastic bag that travelled on a long journey and experienced the horrors of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. The children really understood the impact of humans' existence on our world, and produced very thoughtful and heartfelt poems.

Phoenix and Chameleon classes have undertaken an interesting and exciting Design Technology project this term. The school contacted the Wiltshire-based company, Dyson, to request resources for a product design teaching package. We learnt about the various processes that go into creating a product, and what a Design Engineer does. We also discovered how our school term's value of Perseverance is an incredibly important aspect of what this sort of career needs every day. The children went about evaluating different products and then deciding on what they would like to create. It had to 'solve a problem'. We used mainly cardboard to construct our models, and there were many impressive results. Perhaps we have some engineers of the future here at Langley...

Our Religious Education lessons this term have been on Special and Sacred Places. The main part of our learning focussed on a visit to the local church, St Peter's. We thought about what we already knew, prepared lots of excellent questions about the church beforehand, then spent an afternoon exploring the church. We were very pleased to meet and talk with Mrs Bloomer, who answered all our questions, and kindly gave up her time to give us lots of interesting information. Children were then given an open task to show their new learning in a writing form of their choice, producing produce fact sheets, diagrams, posters, reports, and even a poem.

There has been more singing going on in Term 5 – and this is set to continue after half term, too. We have excitedly begun to learn the songs for the KS2 production of Joseph. This is going to be a fantastic show. All the children are doing well so far, but there are lots of words to learn. Any extra practice at home would be great. KS2 have also been involved in a concert in Malmesbury Abbey organised by iSingPOP, a singing and performing project connected with Collective Worship in schools. We learnt a number of different songs and performed alongside other local schools. Well done, everybody! In addition, Phoenix has already worked with a visiting teacher and song writer through Wiltshire Music Connect to prepare some music for a concert we will be part of in John Cole's park at the end of June. Lots to look forward to.

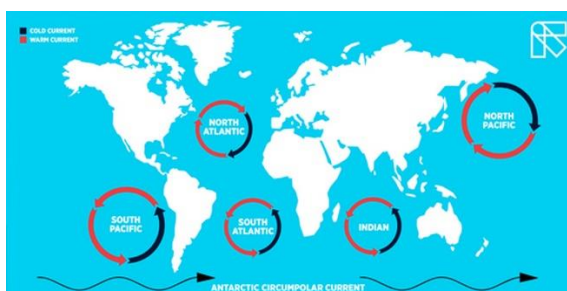
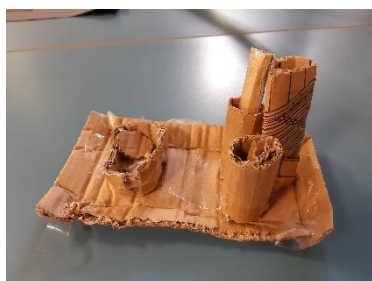
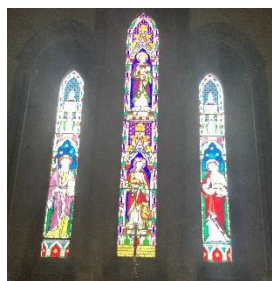
Many thanks for all your support with the children and their learning and I wish you a pleasant half term.

Kind regards

Mr Osler, Mrs Mungham and Mrs Pym



iSing
POP



Our Oceans
Some are clean
Some are full of
rubbish
What would you
say if you live there?
It all ends up in
the sea.
Horrible
rubbish.
We need to stop before
it is too late.