

Upper Floor Governor Report – Autumn 2018

Another new year on Upper Floor and it's all change for a number of reasons. Year Five comprises of two teachers new to the year group and Year Six has been split into three registration classes.

Mr Yeowell and Mr Smith have both moved into Year Five from Lower Key Stage Two. They have embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and eagerness. To ensure continuity across Upper Key Stage Two, they have worked closely with the Year Six colleagues. In particular, they have focussed on the introduction of VIPERS and the marking of writing.

So far Year 5 have enjoyed learning about the crimes and punishment that existed in The Medieval Ages and are currently stepping further back into history and looking at the Anglo Saxons. The topic will be concluded with a visit to school by a Tudor Torturer – you have been warned....

In PE, the children have been taught dance by a specialist dance coach. Through Music, the children have been learning the song 'Living on a Prayer'. Mr Yeowell has been actively encouraging the shaking of heads while singing, although tight leather trousers are optional.

In Science, the children have taken a trip around the Solar System and have learnt about the Earth and some of the other planets. With our feet, now firmly on the ground, we are enjoying carrying out experiments as we explore Force.





In English, the children have learnt about the epic poem, Beowulf. This has involved acting out parts of it and doing some creative writing based upon the legendary hero.

They have also made some healthy dips and dippers for a packed lunch in D.T. and created some stunning imaginary planets in Art.

During the Remembrance Service, the Year Fives led a moving tribute to the former pupils of our school who never returned home. With the Last Post playing quietly, every name was read out and any information they had been able to find out about that person was included. They discovered, for example, that Robert Emslie is buried in Bebington Cemetery.

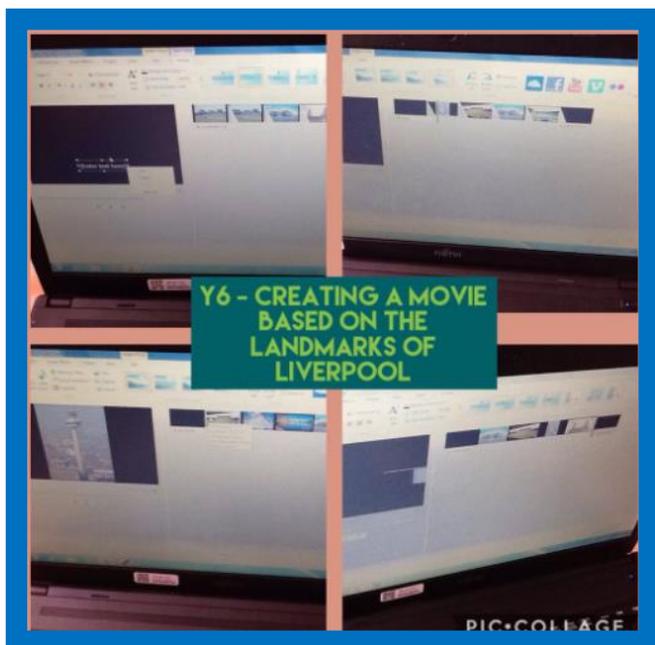


Year Six have started the year focusing on their 'Water' topic. They have visited the Port Sunlight River Park. The location of the park provides a clear view of the river and the shape of the land surrounding it. The work studied included features of rivers, the water cycle and pollution and the effects on wildlife. The famous Liverpool skyline is also clearly visible to the children.

During DT, the children make a structure to span the River Mersey. This involved a range of skills including team work, measuring accurately and using tools safely. Completed structures can be found in the classrooms.

In addition, the children also designed, made and evaluated a fruit drink, based around fruits of the rain forest. Fancy glasses, little umbrellas and snazzy fruit

In Art they have looked at the work of Vincent Van Gogh and Ben Mosley. Using similar techniques, they created their own artwork. This is currently displayed on the display boards by the stairs.



The year group is also benefitting from specialist ICT teaching from MGL. They are using Movie Maker using Liverpool landmarks.

Year Six have also started on their 'Business Enterprise' challenge – who can make the most profit from a business idea? 6J decided to sell popcorn at



playtime, as a healthy alternative to toast (less than 100 calories). 6D had a very informative afternoon with Mr Forrester, who explained about running a business and ways to make a profit. They are currently taking orders for Christmas wrapping paper.



Both year groups were lucky enough to participate in an NSPCC assembly and very informative workshops.

The whole school also enjoyed an anti-bullying assembly. The anti-bullying ambassadors and other selected pupils worked together after the assembly.

It has been a busy but worthwhile start to the new academic year!