

Year Five and Six Governors Report - Summer 2021

The children across Upper Floor have continued to settle back into the school routine. They are managing well with the disruption to normal school life - Covid and the building work! The children don't often get to see the changes to their building so enjoy the little visits their teachers take them on.

Year Five

Year Five have continued to impress us with their attitude towards work, particularly considering the disruption of the past 12 months. Their teachers are incredibly proud of the progress they have made despite the recent time spent away from school.

In Science they have been learning all about life cycles, including plants.



Mrs Porter took this as an opportunity to grow some new plants for the school garden.

The children didn't realise initially that this also meant they needed to do a significant amount of weeding to prepare the ground for planting.

Thankfully they had Daley on hand to provide essential support and encouragement.



Miss Dickens has worked closely with our current MHST worker Chris. He has worked with every class, providing support with how to deal with worries and anxieties.

The children found the sessions informative and very useful.



Year Five have started their study of 'The Mayans'. This will include a Mayan dance, food tasting, learning about Pokatok and the making of a Mayan-style mirror.

Year Six

Year Six have continued to work hard, despite the cancellation of SATs this year.

They have studied Skellig. This has included reading the novel, making story predictions, writing narratives and newspaper reports.

They will shortly move onto writing non-chronological reports about owls.



In Science, they have been learning about evolution and inheritance. This has included investigating fossils, the evolution of crocodiles, selective dog breeding and how you inherit features from parents. The children particularly enjoyed devising their own individual dog breed. They came up with some weird and wonderful mixes!

During topic work, they have researched the transatlantic slave trade, triangular trade, life for a slave on the middle passage and plantations. They have also found out about the abolition of slavery and the role of William Wilberforce in this.

Year Six spent a morning working with the local police. They played a Monopoly style game that focussed on anti-social behaviour, the impact on the local community and how the potential consequences for those who participate in such behaviour. They found it a very powerful and thought provoking session.



Year Six Residential

Unfortunately, this has been cancelled again this year. This, unlike the cancellation of the SATs, has been a real disappointment for the children. We have therefore organised a week of activities. These include walking to Hilbre Island, visiting Liverpool and the museums and a train ride to New Brighton to play crazy golf and bowling. The children are having to 'earn' each trip with a score card completed weekly.

Swimming

Year Six were able to participate in swimming lessons this term, for the first time in quite a while! The transport and swimming baths were very well organised and all felt safe and secure. Year Five will also be swimming before the end of this academic school year.

Ramadan and Eid

We had a number of pupils across Upper Floor who fasted during this time. Their classmates were incredibly supportive and keen to learn why fasting was important. The classes had little celebrations during Eid and made cards.

