

Hawk Class

During the Autumn Term in Hawk Class, the children were detectives, investigating the sinking of the 'Terrifying Titanic'. We began our learning journey by having a Titanic Day, where we dressed up as passengers and experienced what it must have been like to be in first, second and third class. The children used their 'Titanic' knowledge to write Diary entries as if they were a passenger or crew member on the Titanic.



Towards the end of our topic, we investigated who was responsible for the sinking of the Titanic. We looked at different evidence gained from real sources to decide who was responsible. We also looked at how cruise ships have learned from the mistakes of the Titanic.

A big well done to the children for putting in so much effort with their homework Titanic models.



During the second half of the Autumn Term, we looked at our Solar System, taking a closer look at what is in space and how everything moves. During our science lessons we investigated how the movement of the Earth around the Sun affects our seasons, weather and days on Earth.



We finished this topic by participating in an astronaut training day, Hawk Class were also lucky enough to try some real astronaut food. They tried freeze-dried strawberries, freeze-dried banana and even freeze-dried cookie and ice cream sandwich. There were definitely mixed reviews on this! To end our astronaut day, we enjoyed a stargazing evening, where we were able to identify star constellations in our night sky.

After lockdown, the second half of the Spring Term saw the children finding all about the Maya Civilisation and their link to chocolate. The children used their persuasive language, to persuade people to buy Fair Trade produce. In DT, the children designed and made their own chocolates, and then performed adverts to persuade people to buy their chocolates.



Towards the end of this term, we had a visit from Paul Ulson, a historian and Maya expert, to enhance the children's understanding of the Maya civilisation. In Art & Design, the children designed and made their own Maya clay pots.

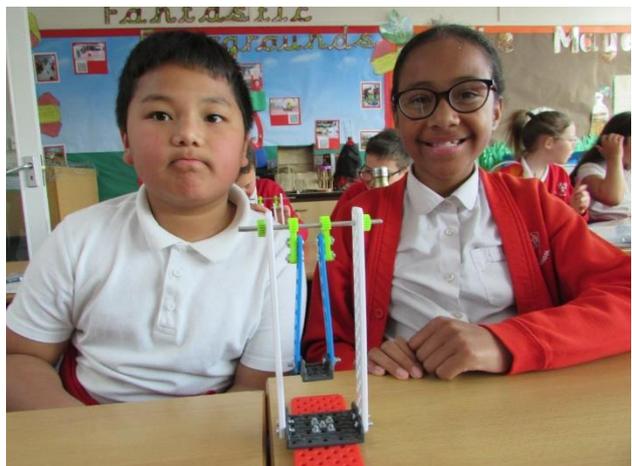


During our Science lessons, we investigated the properties of materials, looking at which materials are good thermal or electrical conductors. We also investigated the uses of different materials, in everyday objects.



The children loved working outside in their 'bubble' and learnt a great deal from each other. We made great use of all the outside space we have to ensure we all kept safe.

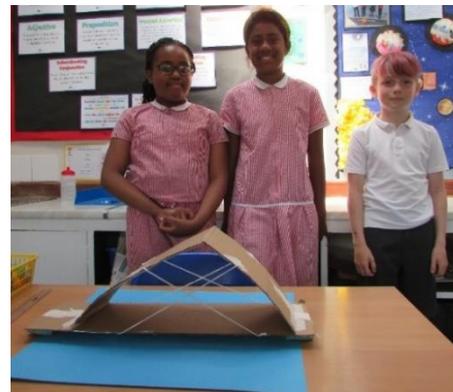
To kick start the Summer Term and our Fantastic Funfairs topic, Hawk Class enjoyed an afternoon of funfair activities and games. During this topic, the children researched and designed their own funfair ride, which they then made out of K-Nex or Mechano.



To link with our science topic, the children successfully incubated and hatched seven quail chicks. We used our new knowledge of the quail life cycle to compare it to the human life cycle. Throughout the rest of the first half term, the children took turns to care for the quails, who stayed with us until the end of May, where they went home with Mrs Blamire.



The second half of the Summer Term, saw the children investigating all about rivers, especially looking at the journey of a river. They enjoyed using their knowledge of structure design, and built their own bridges, in one afternoon, using limited materials. We also spent a very wet day doing lots of river related activities, including investigating whether the amount of water which flows down a river, changes the speed of the river. In science, we investigated the life cycle of different plants, looking at what plants need to grow well and how they can reproduce in many different ways.



To help us prepare for the annual sports day, we really enjoyed spending some of our PE lessons practicing different sports day events.

