Year 5W - Autumn Half Term (September to October 2018)

Over this half term the children have been very busy learning new things through topic as well as English and Maths.

**English**

In English, at the beginning of the year we became writers and wrote our own adventure stories! We used our imaginations to create a story with our own characters, setting and unique adventure!

We have also been focusing on the book ‘Friend or Foe’ by Michael Morpurgo. We used inference skills to discuss how the characters David and Tucky were feeling throughout the story, writing a diary entry from their perspective. We discussed the characters actions throughout the story and wrote a balanced argument to whether David should help the airmen or not! In groups we have researched the author and presented all the information we found to the rest of the class.

**Maths**

In Maths we have been focusing on numbers up to 1,000,000. We now know the value of each digit and we are able to compare and order numbers with more than 4 digits. We have also carried out some problem solving and reasoning activities which means we need to explain our thinking using what we have learned. We are currently working on addition and subtraction of 4 digit numbers. We have worked hard to develop fluency in addition and subtraction to support us when carrying out problem solving and reasoning activities.

We have also been working on our fluency knowledge, especially in our times tables. Each week we have been given some fluency facts to learn then Mr Woodhouse has tested us to see if we can move up our fluency ladder. Some of us are well on our way to receiving our first certificate!

**Science**

In Science we have learned about materials and we have carried out some experiments to learn more about them. We have tested a range of solids to identify what can dissolve in water. When carrying out experiments, we have made sure that we know how to ensure we are carrying out a fair test by keeping certain things the same.

**PE**

In PE, we have enjoyed learning about and playing dodgeball. We know the different ways to throw a ball and have all tried hard when practising these. We have practised dodging and catching the ball but some of us did find this tricky.

We have also been working with a teacher from High Tunstall who has taught us a range of skills in athletics. Over the past weeks we have worked hard to develop theses skills and in groups we had a athletic com[petition - it was lots of fun!

**French**

In French we have been learning to talk and ask about brothers and sisters. To do this we drew a family and wrote sentences about them in French. We have also learnt how to say what people have and don’t have, we worked in pairs collecting items from the classroom and writing sentences about our partner stating what they had.

**PSHE**

In PSHE this half term we have been thinking about how and when to ask for help. We started this topic by talking about how we already help people in their day to day lives. A lot of us help our parents at home or other children in the school. We also discussed how we know if someone else needs help and how they could help them. In groups we have carried role play and the children have talked about how they could help someone in different situations.

We have recently started looking at good and bad habits, the children had to think of the habits they had and what habits they would like to change.

**SMSC**

In SMSC we have been looking at the British government. We worked in groups to discuss what we already knew about the government, we learned more about the government and how it works. We created posters to inform other children in the school about Government.

We have also looked at what we could do in everyday life to make different situations better. We were given different situations and had work together to create a role [play on how we would deal with them.

**Music**

We have really enjoyed Music this half term! We have been learning the recorder, we have worked really hard to play a range of notes and have loved the range of songs we have been practising.