

KS1 Newsletter

May 2021

We have been busy in KS1 this term and have enjoyed learning about The North-West Passage and exploring the journey of many Arctic explorers. Please enjoy a snapshot of our learning journey for this term.

KS1 Team.

Project

This term, we have been exploring our enquiry question '**Why was crossing the North West Passage such a challenge?**' On our learning journey towards answering this question we conducted our own research and learnt about the explorers who challenged themselves to journey to this part of the world. We focused on the chronology of these events and created a timeline to showcase the journey of each explorer. We drew on our previous knowledge of the Canadian Arctic to allow us to put ourselves in the metaphorical shoes of these explorers. We looked closely at the explorer John Cabot and his relevance to Bristol as he sailed from Bristol on the Matthew. We then explored more recent explorers such as Matthew Nelson and Anne Bancroft.



We showcased all of our brilliant learning in a video and even designed and created our own hand puppets inspired by various Arctic explorers. We truly immersed ourselves in our project this term and were inspired by the bravery of every explorer!

The Key Stage One team would like to thank all of our families for all of your hard-work this term. It has been fantastic to have the children back in school together again.

We are so grateful for the generous donations given during our Eid celebration day. We hope all the families who celebrate this had a brilliant time! Thank you!

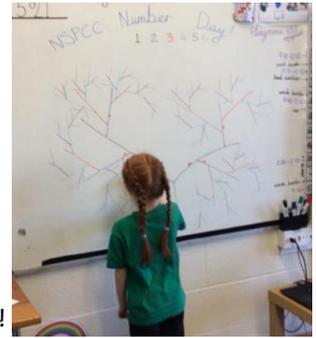
Art

This term we have been exploring the art of Leonardo Da Vinci and Rosie Leventon, we have been looking closely at how they create texture through line drawing.



NSPCC Number Day

What a brilliant day spent taking part in NSPCC number day! Evil Professor Nofunalert thought he could get the better of Team BG but we showed him and saved our break times by completing various maths challenges across the day. Great work team!



ELLI characters

Key Stage One have taken inspiration from the unicorn, the tortoise and the bee this term. We have continued to build on our skills of working together as a team in our class bubble. This term we explored the topic enquiry question of, '**why was crossing the North West Passage such a challenge?**' During our Project we applied our knowledge of the Canadian Arctic and considered different explorers who ventured to the North West Passage. For this, we used the Elli skill of the spider to make connections between the explorers and their journeys. We enjoyed taking part in DT week, where we used the Elli skill of the unicorn to express our creativity when we designed, created and evaluated our own felt hand puppets, in the style of the explorers of the North West Passage.

Next term, we will be focusing on the Elli skill of the cat. The cat likes to ask questions and find out new things as we continue our learning journey.



Next term

In Term 6, we will be answering the enquiry question '**Why and how did humans learn to fly?**'

We will be exploring the work of Sir George White, The Wright Brothers and James Arnot Hamilton. A topic overview will be posted on Class Dojo at the beginning of next term.

Science

This term we have continued our learning all about **Animals Including Humans**. We have considered the features of different animals and their groups. We have thought carefully about endangered animals and what it means to be endangered. We thought carefully about endangered animals and created booklets all about endangered animals, compiling all of our knowledge from this term.

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 7th June
Start of Term 6 – Inset Day, school closed

Wednesday 7th July
Sports day

Monday 12th July
House enrichment day – children to wear house colour tops to school

Wednesday 21st July
End of term 6