

## Allotment



Subject/ area	Subject Summary
<i>English</i>	Throughout this half term, the children have loved reading suspense stories about magical animals and 'things that go bump in the night'. They focused on two stories 'Midnight fox' by Betsy Byers and 'Hetty's unicorn' by Pie Corbett. Using both of these stories, they managed to create some fantastic descriptive work using their sense.
<i>PSHE/SMSC/RRSA</i>	The children have had some very frank conversations in PSHCE while discussing the changes that happen in puberty. They have focussed on menstruation and hormonal changes that will affect their thoughts and feelings. They were able to reflect on their relationships and the relationships of others, making observations and asking questions where appropriate. The children showed a great deal of maturity during this topic.
<i>Maths</i>	Year 5 have worked their socks off in Maths this half term learning about cubed numbers and fractions. They have learned what a proper and improper fraction is and how to convert an improper fraction to a mixed number fraction. They then looked at the relationship between fractions and decimals. Although this has been tricky, they have really excelled themselves.
<i>RE</i>	We have been learning about rituals, both religious and non-religious. They have investigated rituals across different religions and are continuing to develop their tolerance for others. They have a better understanding of the role of rituals; from prayer in Islam to the Eucharist in Christianity.
<i>D&amp;T</i>	Year 5 enjoyed working with Sarah to make a variety of healthy foods. They have learned about where different fruits and vegetables grow and focused on farm to fork. In week one, they focused on foods that complement one another and made cheese and apple sandwiches. They all thought the concoction was going to taste disgusting... however they loved them! In week two, they tasted different fruits and created a fruit cocktail - they absolutely loved it and wanted more. In week three, the children had the opportunity to work in Dene's kitchens with their staff. The staff were over the moon with year 5's culinary skills. They created ladybirds using a range of different ingredients - they looked pretty cool. In our last cookery lesson, the children made some fantastic pasta pots which tasted truly delicious.
<i>Geography</i>	Our Geography topic this half term directly linked to our cookery lessons. The children really enjoyed finding out about where their food comes from and looking at the journey that our food takes to get to our forks.
<i>Music</i>	In music the children have revisited different songs, musical notation and the language of music. They have identified rhythm, pulse, pitch and melody in different songs and looked at the different value of the notes used. Year 5 enjoy music, especially singing along to popular songs.
<i>Computing</i>	The children have excelled in Computing this half term, they have been able to successfully create a working racing game and play against their friends using different keys on the keyboard, avoiding obstacles in their paths and gaining points to win. They did an amazing job and have loved creating these video games.
<i>MFL</i>	Spanish is a firm favorite of the children in Year 5 and they have worked hard to learn and use the Spanish alphabet. They can identify a letter from a given sound and are beginning to spell out words when given the Spanish pronunciation.
<i>Science</i>	What a fantastic half term we have had being scientists - the children have thoroughly enjoyed investigating how to separate different materials using various different methods. They have worked on dissolving, evaporating, sieving, filtering and magnetism. Does it dissolve? The children investigated which materials dissolved and which did not. Jelly investigation - The children investigated whether the size of the jelly cubes made a difference to the dissolving time. They also worked on problem solving where they had a range of materials that had been mixed up and they had to work out the best method to separate the different materials.
<i>PE</i>	The children love PE and this passion is shown during our lessons. This half term, the children have practised their competitive athletic skills in preparation for sports day, learned new street games, which they have been playing outside of school and learned new cricket and rugby skills. In cricket, they have focused on their bowling and fielding skills while playing a game of runners.