

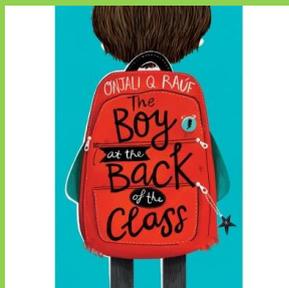
Outstanding Oaks Newsletter

Autumn term 2021



Welcome to the Year 5 & 6 Newsletter, it has been a wonderful and exciting start to the year. The children have been working hard and producing excellent pieces of work. Please continue reading to see what we have been up to...

Stories on a Theme

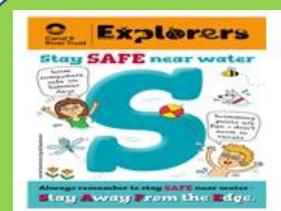


In Literacy the children have been looking at the struggles and what it feels to be different from those around you. We did this by studying different types of texts, fiction and non-fiction. The children were able to empathize with the characters of the books and write in different perspectives. We read "The boy at the back of the class" together. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and quickly became invested in the outcome of the story.

Our trip to the Canal Basin

Virtual Water Safety Workshop

We were extremely fortunate to have been part of the Water Safety initiative across the UK. Sarah from the Rivers and Canals Trust joined a group of Lote Tree Primary pupils and delivered the Trust's key safety message of SAFE (stay away from the edge). Pupils were successful at picking out potential hazards and danger spots and were able to deliver this safety message to their peers in a follow up session.



Floating Classroom

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were praised for their excellent efforts and behaviour when visiting the Canal Basin last week. We were a select group of schools involved in litter picking and a recycling project organised by the Canals and Rivers Trust. Our students cleared and sorted litter at the canal basin, whilst learning about the origins of the canal network in Britain. They learned about the great canal engineer James Brindley, who designed the canal in 1768. They then boarded an original narrow boat and created original artwork for a new publication. Their pieces reflected great thought and creativity. Pupils then contributed to a community project for Coventry's City of Culture, adding their prints to a large and they represented their RESPECT values throughout their visit.



Ludic Rooms

As part of Coventry's City of Culture, Coventry have commissioned the Ludic Rooms (a heritage and community organisation, who support independent artists through development programmes) to work with schools throughout October. We were able to secure the team to come to Lote Tree and create a range of 3D artwork for a lights festival to be held in November 2021. Students' abstract artwork and paper crafting was outstanding, and they created an array of weird and wonderful water creatures to line the Coventry Canal as part of the display. The children who took part have been given free tickets to attend their exhibit and share their creations with their families. The team would like further opportunities to work with our pupils and we look forward to more art and design initiatives in the future.



Healthy Eating

The children were excited to learn all about the importance of eating healthy. We looked at different ways we could improve on our food intake. We came up with healthy snacks we could substitute for our chocolates, sweets and crisps. The children were enthusiastic to participate in a healthy lunch box competition.

Viking Voyages

In History we have been learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We looked at who they were, where they came from, when they came to England and what their lifestyles were like. We learned all about how they managed to coexist after many years of conflict. One of our focus points were the many invasions that took place. The children finished off the term by designing and creating Viking long ships of their own.



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