

Year 5

Last term, year 5 had a new English book as a hook, 'The Island' by Armin Greder. Within this, we had some interesting debate about whether or not the man should be allowed to stay on the island: there were some string arguments and reasons put forward. We also created our own newspaper reports as well as lots of interesting character and setting descriptions using similes, metaphors and personification. These figurative language features then helped us when we moved on to our poetry unit, 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. As part of this, we created our own poetry and really unpicked the language used to describe the event in the narrative.

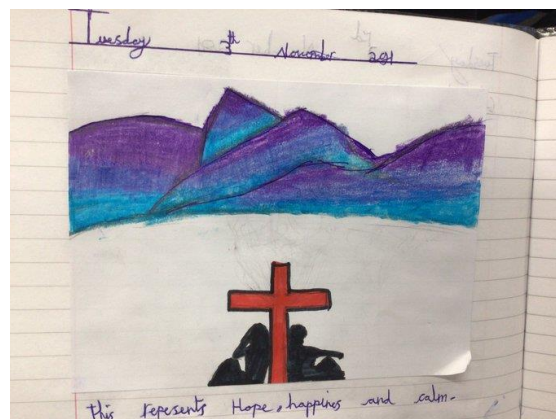


In maths, year 5 spent time looking at multiples, factors, prime and cube numbers. We explored new mathematical language to improve our knowledge of number. Then we moved on to beginning multiplication with multiplying numbers by ten, hundred and a thousand and learnt how the place value changes.



To continue with our history topic, The Vikings, we learnt about some of the great Viking kings and battles. We then studied the Battle of Hastings and how the leaders fought over the right to the throne. After this, we explored the Bayeux Tapestry and attempted to piece it back together again.

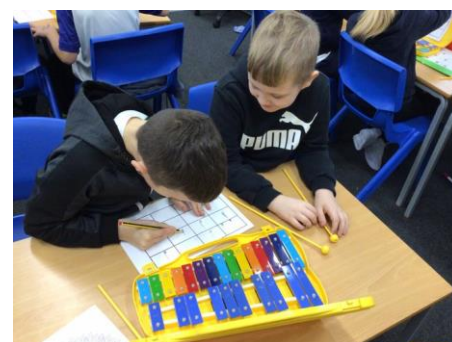
In RE this term, we looked at how art, architecture and poetry can express religion. We observed various types of religious worship buildings and identified what made them special and unique to their religion. We also looked at how artists, such as Leonid Afremov, express belief through their paintings and drawings and created our own representations. We also had



some fun godly play sessions with our chaplain Vicky, where we learnt some new bible stories and used figures to create our own.



Our music this term was all about understanding beats and rhythms and following patterns. We created our own tune by reading music and developing our own style on the xylophone.



To end the term, we celebrated our Christmas spectacular, which involved lots of exciting activities: making calendars, pasta nativity scenes, reindeer food, Christmas cards, and, even a visit from Santa himself!