

Classroom News



Class Name: Colchester Term: Term 4 2023-2024 Topic: Through the Keyhole

What we have been doing this term:

Our local History

In our English and topic sessions, we have been exploring our local area. We have used Google Earth to find where in the world we are. We first looked at continents before moving on to countries and counties. Lots of us live in the surrounding areas of Newbury, so this was interesting for us. There are lots of streets and areas in and around Newbury names after famous historical figures. WE have enjoyed finding out about 'Jack O Newbury', John Winchcombe II. In English, we practised note taking and creating mind maps to write a fact file on the laptops. We are going to compile our own book about Newbury. To find out more about our local history, we took a trip to the Newbury Cloth Hall, the first factory was built. We found out that supplied cloth to many countries.

Books, books, books.

In Maths we have been looking at statistics and data collection. We thought it would be fun to ask some question of our own to collect data from parents, escorts, staff and students at The Castle School. As a class, we compiled questions to ask and created daily tuff trays with voting box. We used the results to organise into tally charts and graphs as well as ask and answer questions about the information collected. Keeping with our cross curricular theme this term, we combined English with ICT to create a Book Day themed scavenger hunt for our friends to do. We drew a famous children's book character from our favourite song on YouTube by 'DJ Grammar' and wrote clues to go with it. WE also used our I Pads to generate QR codes to link to a video of the specific story being read. The scavenger hunt was a huge success!

Cooking

This term we have learnt to cook smooth and chunky vegetable soup from scratch, oat biscuits, pretzels and vegetarian spaghetti bolognese. Thank you Stef for your support in the kitchen to help us cook such delicious food. WE try to send the recipes home each week, please always ask if you're missing one. We will be making Easter treats in preparation for The Castle school Bake Off.

Some photos of us!



Dates & Points to remember:

Last day of term: Thurs 28th March
First day back: Monday 15th April