

Hive Class Summer 1

This half term, we launched our exciting new topic, “**Amazing Americas,**” where we have begun exploring the landscapes, cultures and geography of North and South America. The children have approached this topic with curiosity and enthusiasm, already asking some brilliant questions and making thoughtful connections in their learning.

In English, we embraced Autism Awareness Month by watching the Disney short film *Loop*. This gave us the opportunity to step outside our comfort zones, explore emotions and develop a deeper understanding of empathy and inclusion. The children produced some incredibly thoughtful first-person narratives, first writing from the perspective of a child with autism and then from the perspective of a new friend learning how to support and understand them. Their maturity, sensitivity and powerful use of language were truly impressive.

In Maths, we have been exploring all things *measure*! The children have been developing their understanding of converting lengths, mass, capacity and time, before moving on to the world of statistics. They have worked hard interpreting and presenting data using graphs, tables and pie charts, showing great accuracy and confidence in their mathematical thinking.

In Art, we have been refining our sketching skills and continuing to develop our mastery of drawing and painting using a range of materials. The children have explored light and dark through colour mixing, learning how to create depth and make objects appear three-dimensional. We are really enjoying this topic and can’t wait to continue developing our artistic skills.



In Science, we have gone *plant crazy*! The children have been learning how to classify living things based on their characteristics and have explored what makes something living, dead or never alive. We have also begun investigating life cycles in both plants and humans, asking thoughtful questions and making excellent scientific observations along the way.

In Geography, we have become true explorers as we researched North and South America. Using maps, globes and atlases, the children have compared the physical and human features of both continents and are now beginning to investigate the different biomes found across the Americas.

In Music, we have started ukulele lessons with Mr Davis and we are absolutely loving them! So far, we have already learned to play *Roar* by Katy Perry and *Can't Stop the Feeling!* by Justin Timberlake. The children have shown fantastic rhythm, focus and confidence; we are all excited to continue developing our musical skills in Summer 2.



To finish the term, our Year 6 children completed their SATs with incredible maturity, resilience and determination. They approached each test with a positive attitude, worked tirelessly and gave every challenge their very best. Their drive, focus and perseverance throughout the week has been truly admirable and we could not be prouder of everything they have achieved – a HUGE well done Year 6!



What a fantastic half term it has been!