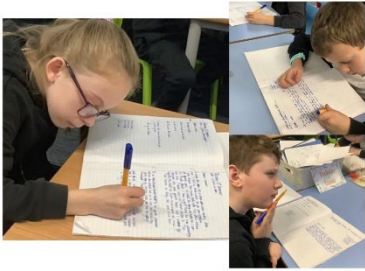


In The Hive, our topic this term has been 'War, what is it good for?' and we have enjoyed learning much of our history in and outside of the classroom. We have explored what life would have been like for children in the World War 2 and looked at Kindertransport. It was amazing to also hear about the links that family of Mr Dash has to this topic! We wrote letters in character of a child in this time of life, as well as a narrative being a soldier heading to the battlefield. The class have done an amazing job putting themselves in the shoes of others. The team were also very lucky to travel only 40 minutes down the road to Somerby to see what links our local areas have to wartime. We learnt so much about life in Somerby school during the war and about a parachick called Mertyl! We also linked our learning to reading and enjoyed the book 'The Lion and The Unicorn'.



Our pupils haven been very creative making links during our Design and Technology unit too, where they were tasked with designing and making an Anderson shelter. The children also explored additional woodwork skills when using a saw to cut wood in the making of a table and a bed working towards producing the final piece.



Within Maths, the children have been demonstrating determined attitudes when exploring methods and strategies within our multiplication and division unit. We have learnt to identify multiples and factors of given numbers and select the most efficient strategies for our calculations. We will look forward to using these skills in our fraction unit next.

We have been expanding our French vocabulary with Mrs Grimes, where we have been revising how to say classroom objects, animals, how to share our feelings and everyday greetings. We then went on to look at the culture and country of France learning about day-to-day life, which was very interesting! Our end of term assessment showed how much progress we have made.



The children have also progressed amazingly within their cornet lessons, where Mr Rifugiato has taught the children how to play a number of different songs, including some festive tunes. They were then able to share their learning with parents in a class performance – we are very proud of them all!

In Science we have been learning all about the circulatory system. The children began by looking in depth at the heart and the role it has within the human body. We then explored blood and what it is made up of before making our own! We also investigated heart rate and took part in an investigation to see how exercise can affect the heart rate. We now know why it is so important to look after our bodies and the negative effect that lifestyle can have on the circulatory system.

In RE we have been focusing on Judaism, and finding out about different traditions, practices and beliefs. We also made links here to what we were learning in history and how unfair Jewish communities were treated in the past. This linked closely to our PSHE lessons where we have been exploring the term 'diversity' and looking at the wider world around us. We discussed the word 'normal' and what this might mean, learning that it actually means something different to all of us. We continued to look at respect and were able to apply our ideas in some role play scenarios.



In PE, we have completed our swimming lessons and have further developed a range of strokes and swimming techniques. Kat has been teaching us in school weekly too and has been so impressed with teamwork and how the children have continued to demonstrate that sportsmanship attitude when cheering each other on! We're looking forward to a Christmas break but are very much looking forward to seeing what's in store after the new year!