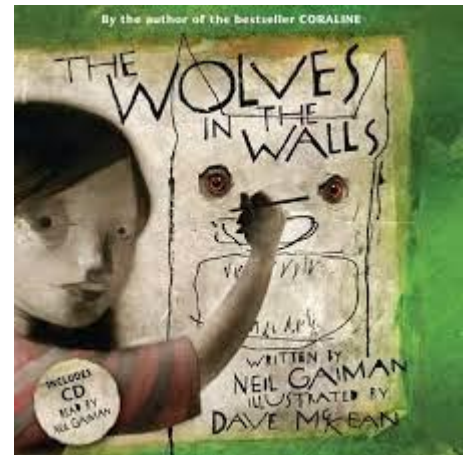


Year 5/6

Learning Highlights from Autumn 22

Wolves in the Walls

We returned to school after the Summer Break by reading *Wolves in The Walls* by Neil Gaiman. It is a picture book with the most amazing illustrations that tells the story of Lucy, a girl who has been forced to move out of her home and to the end of the garden by a pack of wolves who emerged from the walls. The wolves get up to all sorts of mischief but, fortunately, the family do return to their house in the end!



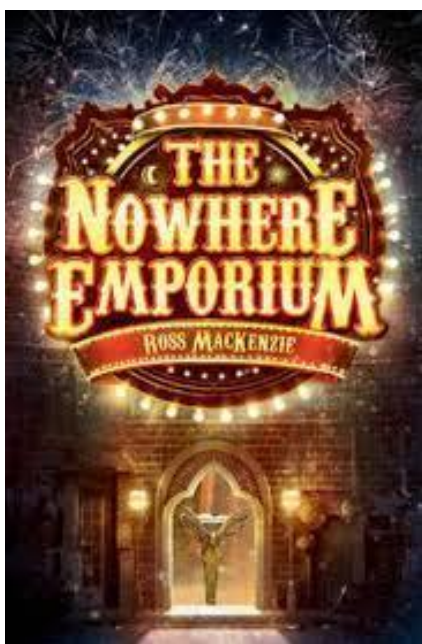
We wrote letters to Lucy to offer her suggestions of how she could get rid of the wolves. We also researched and wrote about wolves, and produced some wolf art.

DT

Wolves in the Walls was also the stimulus for our DT topic – to design and make a moving toy. We learned how a cam can be used to create movement and used this knowledge to design a toy. We practised using a saw and a drill and then used these tools to construct our own toys. We drew diagrams showing how cams work, designed our toy and learned how to draw an exploded diagram.

The Nowhere Emporium

This half term, our learning has been based upon *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross McKenzie. It is an exciting book that is set in a magical world inside a very special shop.



The story contains flashbacks and unfolds in an unpredictable and unexpected way. We have written descriptions of the Emporium and some of the main characters. We have also created our own 'Emporium', creating some lovely artwork.

Science

In science, we have been learning about how a person changes throughout their life. We compared babies and toddlers, researched the changes that occur in puberty and found out what happens as we get older. We finished the topic by writing a report which explained what we had learnt.

Maths

Our focus in Maths has been place value, addition and subtraction. We have learnt about larger numbers and learnt to use written methods for addition and subtraction. We also developed our understanding and improved our ability at problem solving and reasoning. Throughout the rest of this term we will be learning to use written methods for multiplication and division and will also learn more about fractions.

Geography

In Geography, we have learned the names of the different countries of Europe and their capital cities. We located the different deserts and compared Antarctica and the Kalahari Deserts.

PE

In PE, have been learning how to play Tag Rugby. We sent two teams to a Tag Rugby competition where we won some medals. Year 6 children have been improving their swimming. Year 5 children have been developing their gymnastics skills, producing routines including movements and counter balances.

Music

This year, we are learning to play the recorder. We have started to learn to read and understand musical notation and have followed this to perform different tunes.

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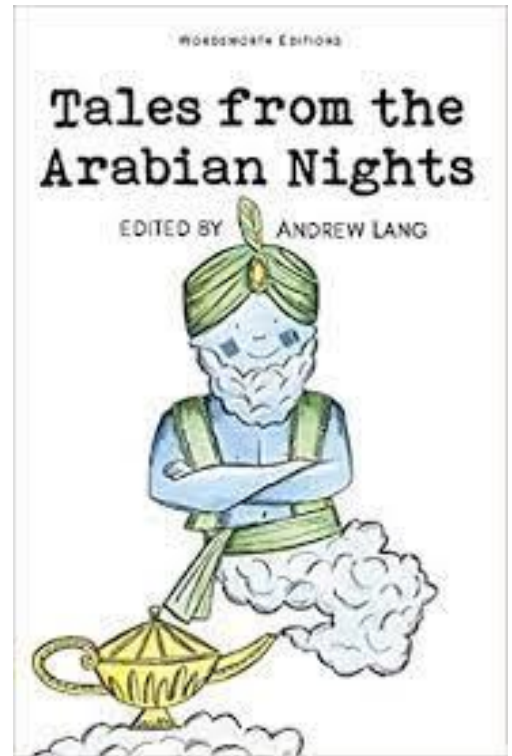
The learning in the second part of the half term is led by Tales from the Arabian Nights.

History

We will be learning about the Persian Dynasty and life in 9th Century Baghdad.

Art

After researching traditional Arabic art, we will be designing and making a geometric printing block that will be used to create beautiful repeating patterns.



Key Class Reminders

- Year of Writing – all children have been given a Free Writing book – they can use this to write about anything that interests them: stories, descriptions, biographies, information etc
- PE next half term will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Year 6 children are swimming on either Monday or Wednesday. Year 5 children have an extra PE session on Monday morning.
- Homework is given out every week and always contains spellings to practise.
- Everyone in our class has logins to Mathletics and Times Table Rock Stars. Work is regularly set on Mathletics that links to the learning that we have been doing in class. There are also games to play that will improve mental maths skills. Children can also log on to Purplemash which supports all areas of the curriculum.

