

Classroom News



Class Name: Dover

Term : Spring 1 2024

Topic: Through the Keyhole

What's been going on?

What a short term this has been! It has been lovely to see the Dover boys all back after the Christmas holidays. We have started our topic of "Through the Keyhole" and we have looked at our local area, including trips to Donnington Castle and Shaw House with Tiverton class.

In English, we have created simple information texts researching England. We have explored the total population, the tallest mountain, the longest river as well as the neighbouring countries! We have also investigated how paper and bricks are made as to link into Science, and we have sequenced the order it is made in. It was lovely to hear how much they could remember about how it gets from being a tree to being in our hands.

In Maths, we have looked at 3D shapes, working out how many faces and vertices they have. There were so many shapes we were introduced to, including a pentagonal pyramid and heptagonal prisms. We have also looked at Venn and Carroll diagrams where we have sorted data. Some of us even ventured into thinking about how we could sort certain items with our own criteria.

As part of Life Skills, we have grouped up with Tiverton to look at relationships and personal space. This is something we have continued to work on and will continue to work on throughout the year.

In Topic, we have done some identifying and learning around the properties of materials through Science. Some of our items have been flexible as well as smooth but also opaque, while others have been rough and hard but also translucent!

In Geography, we have found out about important places in Newbury. We learned a bit about the history of Donnington Castle as we visited it, going on a material & picture hunt before we had lots of fun playing a game of 'Manhunt' with Tiverton. Some of our students in Dover gave us the following quotes "I liked finding all the things on the sheet", "there was no glass in the windows as it hadn't been invented", "I could see the gates of the castle. They were metal and strong". We followed this with a trip around Shaw House where we got to explore the grounds and learned some history about it. Sadly, it was very busy inside so we couldn't go exploring any secret passages!

In Drama, we have started some work on masks and how we use our body language to convey how we feel. In Music, we have explored the 'Gamelan' music from Indonesia and how it is made. In PE, we got to meet our new coach from MNR Coaching, Tom, and we started with some nice teambuilding games in order for us all to get to know each other better.

Have a lovely half term!

The Dover Team 😊

Some photos of our learning



Dates & Points to remember:

First day of Term: Monday 19th

February

Last day of Term: Thursday 28th

March