



Thursday 19th December 2019

Year 5

Learning Journey: Survival

Our Learning Journey this half term

This half term the children have used a range of skills and explored the physical and humanistic features of Japan. They have used their making links tool when looking at coordinates in maths and transferring those skills in geography to locate continents, oceans and countries. The children were able to create the ultimate survival kit and guide using their knowledge of what is needed to survive in different conditions. We were also very impressed with their tourist guides for Japan and who they incorporated key and usual information.

In literacy to link with our topic of survival the children read a book called 'The Promise' which carried a true message of how one change can make a huge difference. The story followed a young girl who was brought up and survived in a very hostile environment by stealing. The character was later faced with a dilemma which made her turn from her once evil ways and make a change for the better by planting trees and creating a better environment for not just her herself but everyone.

In whole class reading, the children thoroughly enjoyed the book 'The Polar Bear Explorer Club'. The story followed a group of young people who under normal circumstances would not have chosen to be together however they are forced to work as a team in order to survive in the extreme arctic conditions and use their various skills, personalities and expertise to survive.

Holiday Home Learning

- Our learning journey next half term is 'A day in the Life of...', we will be focusing on specific influential people in history and how their input helped to shape and change the world and our futures. Year 5 will be using their history skills to explore in detail the life of two very important women.
- Over the holidays the children have been asked to create their own family tree to represent their families. We can't wait to see them!
- The children should still continue to practice their times tables and read on daily basis.

Our Learning Toolkit this half term



The children have used their empathy tool when creating sequels to the story 'The Promise'. They were able to get into the character and style of story and the many dark to light aspects that were evident in the story.

They also used their making links tools in maths and plotted and created line graphs showing the various temperatures in Japan.

Dates for your Diary

Holiday Dates

Children return to school: Monday 6th January

Half Term

Monday 17th – Monday 24th February.

Children return to school: Tuesday 25th February

KS2 Celebration Assemblies

Friday 17th January, Friday 31st January, Friday 14th February, Friday 6th March, Friday 20th March