

Update 19/4

Welcome back! I can't believe we are into the summer term already! We have started lots of new topics and have made the use of the sunshine with lots of outdoor storm breaks and even parts of lessons. In English, we will be writing our own portal story! This week we looked at two story openings to compare them, consider how the main characters are introduced and what we learn about them. Opinion was divided on whether Kitty and her mysterious bookcase or Lilly and her magical bag would lead to the more interesting story, but the final vote saw Lily being the more popular character. We also related this to story mountain planning; breaking down the stages of a story into sections before moving onto how we can show not tell what a character feeling. In maths we continued our work on accurately measuring angles, even going as far as measuring the angles in a wonky house plan to see where the designer wasn't quite using proper 90 degree corners. Today we started to draw our own.

In geography we began to explore biomes, and in doing this will look most closely at how humans can live and thrive in desert conditions. In Science we started a new unit on forces. To consider what gravity is, we wondered whether the size of a planet affects the gravity it exerts, and took to the playground to draw the planets in chalk to get an impression of how they relate. While our Earth had a one metre diameter, Jupiter needed 11.2 metres to keep in scale, which was quite a challenge for the group given that task! In PE we worked on keeping a consistent pace in distance running in athletics, and in tennis on Wednesday we practiced the difficult forehand groundstroke. We've also started to learn how to program computers to play music, what a sacred place is in RE, and today in art as part of our unit on portraits we did some research into artist Chila Kumari Singh Burman, a mixed-media artist famed for creating fun art that also makes you think.

Our class voted star this week is Sofia CV for contributing great ideas during a class discussion in RE, working hard and always being focussed! My own star this week is Tilly, who is extremely conscientious and is always willing to challenge herself!

Have a great weekend,

Miss Whyte