

## **Year 6 Blog - Week Commencing 22.05.23: A Thespian Week - Shakespeare's Globe and Auditions!**

This week started with an amazing trip to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. After a walk to the station, we nearly all managed to get seats on the 9.30am and 9.38am trains and were met by staff at Fenchurch Street Station to be accompanied safely out. We stopped for a brief snack overlooking The Tower of London then walked to The Globe, passing many landmarks - the view of Tower Bridge whilst walking over London Bridge was spectacular in the sunshine! One group went straight into The Globe Theatre for a guided tour experience (ask your children how many Globe Theatres there have been and how long this one has been in its current location). After the tour we had lunch and the other group went for their guided tour experience. We then managed to have a trip round the museum exhibition experience where we got to try on some costumes and learn even more about The Globe and Shakespeare. Some groups also took part in a Shakespeare quiz. We then walked back, noticing even more of the hidden delights of London. The children were amazed at crossing back over London Bridge and seeing Tower Bridge to their right and St Paul's Cathedral on their left. Walking through London was all part of the memorable experience our year 6 pupils deserve and we wanted them to have. We were accompanied to our train by C2C staff at Fenchurch Street to return to Benfleet and walk back to the school. We all really enjoyed the trip and were really impressed by the children's behavior.

In English this week, we have been writing narratives about dragon races, based on the Netflix series. It is lovely to see the creative ways the stories have been written to include a whole variety of problems. All of the children have worked really hard to include the grammatical features we have been looking at and are becoming experts in speech punctuation.

In maths, we have been looking at practical problems involving recipes. First, we looked at how to scale a recipe up or down for the number of cakes we needed to make. We also looked at best value and how to calculate which price is the best when given different sized packets. Finally, we looked up costings on supermarket websites to see which would be best value to cook 30 cupcakes.

On Wednesday and Thursday, we held auditions for our production and we will be announcing the cast list once it is completed after half term. We will need to do a couple more singing auditions in the first few days back to ensure casting is fair and suited to the pupils. It is going to be a really tough decision to cast some roles and we need a few call backs before we can finalise the cast. We are so impressed with everyone's enthusiasm during their auditions – well done.

In PE, we focused on some sprint training to begin with after a warm up. We then had a rounders lesson, working on the rules and ensuring we worked as teams to achieve the best outcome. There was some great support going on and it was lovely to see some of the children supporting and coaching their peers.

In Science, the children continued their study of evolution and inheritance. This week, they learnt about Lord Alfred Wallace and his revolutionary idea of evolution based upon natural selection. The children compared this to Charles Darwin's work. They identified that natural selection is the process whereby organisms which are better adapted to their environment tend to survive and produce more offspring. The theory of its action was first fully explained by Charles Darwin, however some believe that the first indications of this theory came from Alfred Russel Wallace.

We hope all the year 6 pupils enjoy a well-deserve rest after a very busy half term. We can't wait to make special memories with them in their final half term with us.

