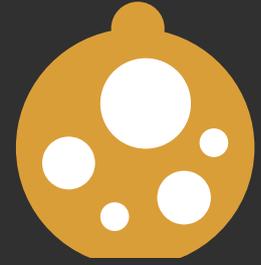


A CELEBRATION OF AUTUMN 2 IN



Year 6



Year 6 have had a really busy, but very exciting, half term. Here are just a few of our highlights from the last few weeks - enjoy!

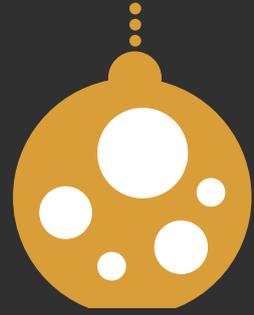


Since September, we have been busy developing our understanding of Confirmation in preparation to receive this special sacrament. In our RE lessons and our class liturgies, we have been developing our understanding of our own vocation and role within the church, as well as learning more about the Holy Spirit and how It is active in our lives. On December 1st, most of us received the Sacrament of Confirmation (celebrated by Bishop William Kenney) at Sacred Heart Church. It was such a special day for us all, as we renewed our Baptismal promises, were anointed with the oil of chrism and were sealed with the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

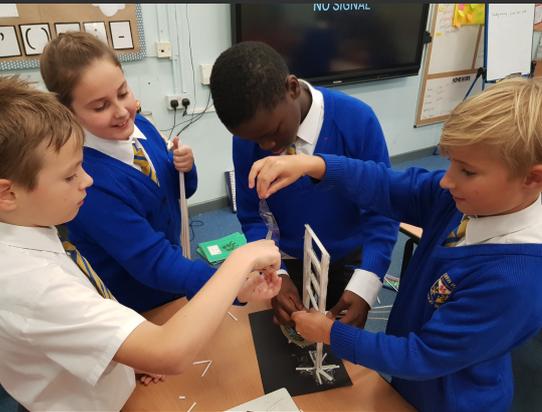
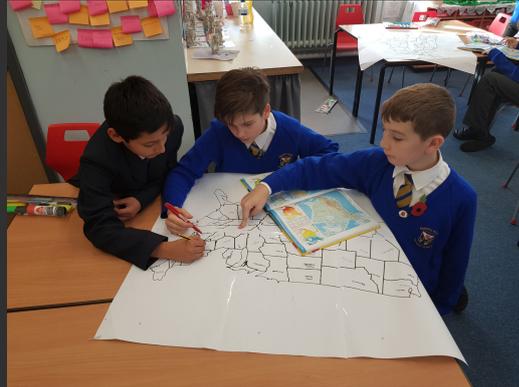
Before our Confirmation, we all took part in a special retreat day at Sacred Heart Church; we participated in a range of different workshops to help us deepen our personal relationships with God and reflect on our own journeys of faith so far. It was a really spiritual day but it was also lots of fun because we made up our own sacred dances and expressed our ideas through art.



In English, we have been busy developing our writing skills through our unit on The Titanic. We absolutely loved learning about this 'unsinkable' ship and have used artefacts, books and websites to find out more. We have continued to strengthen our descriptive writing through characterisation and developing setting and atmosphere. Additionally, we have improved our non-fiction writing and have created some amazing non-chronological reports to showcase the information we have learnt over the last few weeks. We have also created infographics, did presentations to the rest of the class and held debates about who was at fault for the tragedy.



In maths, we have been learning more about fractions, and decimals. We have learnt how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions and are becoming really confident with these methods. We have also become more efficient at solving problems involving fractions and decimals.



In Topic, we have loved learning more about America. Having focussed on Native America last half term, we have learnt more about modern day USA this half term. We have located the different states and have researched two states of our choice in greater depth. We have also looked at the role of the President and have created a timeline of notable American presidents. In addition to this, we have learnt about some of the famous landmarks in America and built our own replicas of The Golden Gate Bridge in DT which had to meet a given criteria.

Another highlight of our half term, was Dol y Moch! We had the time of our lives learning many new skills (including making our own beds and lunches!); facing brand new challenges; overcoming our fears and even making some new friendships! While we were there, we did exciting activities such as kayaking, mountain climbing, orienteering, mining and abseiling. We also went to the beach - even though it was freezing, we still had ice cream!





Whilst most of us were at Dol y moch, the rest of Year 6 were busy organising the generous donations made by the rest of the school for our social action project. We arranged the different items into parcels ready to be delivered to those who live on the streets in Coventry.



This half term, Mrs Aldrich and Mrs Ellis's class led the assembly during Anti-bullying week. For our assembly, we created a video to highlight the effects of bullying and show what a devastating impact bullying can have upon lives.



We have also done several other charitable acts and social action projects this half term. During the month of November, the school council sold poppies around the school to raise money for charity. Taylor also bought in his own remembrance merchandise to sell, raising a fantastic amount of money for charity. Well done to Taylor and everyone who bought poppies or merchandise! Some of year 6 also visited Youell Court and made advent wreaths with the residents.



To help us get ready for Christmas, we went to The Belgrade Theatre with the rest of Key Stage 2. This year's pantomime was 'Sleeping Beauty' and it helped us all to get into the festive spirit. ("Oh yes it did!")

