



Welcome to our first monthly class update, this newsletter will give you an additional overview of what our pupils have been learning in May.

Please use this information to encourage your child to remember more by talking about their learning at home.

In History, our topic is 'A Local History Study Over time -Industrial Revolution to the present day.' So far, we have learnt all about the importance of Abraham Darby the 1st, his role during the Industrial Revolution and how his inventions led to the creation of Iron Bridge. Children have also learnt about how the use of coal changed through the 1800's to early 1900's to allow for cheaper and easier production. Children have enjoyed learning all about coal mining and understanding the conditions workers (including young children) had to endure.

Here is some of the new vocabulary we have been using: industrial, revolution, foundry, furnace, smelting, quarry, colliery.

In Science, our topic has been all about life cycles. We have learnt all about the different life cycles of mammals, birds, insects, amphibians and explored how they are the same and differ. Year 5 really enjoyed plotting their own plants to see its life cycle! We are now exploring the life of humans and the different stages we experience from gestation to old age and why these happen.

These are new words that we have been using in our science lessons: gestation, embryo, hormones, infancy, life cycle, puberty, reproduction.

In Art this term, we have been inspired by two famous British sculptors- Barbara Hepworth and Henry Moore. The children have really enjoyed exploring the lives of each artist and the different techniques they used within their work. In line with the artist's work, children used carving tools to experiment with clay and hollow forms and create their own mini sculptures.

We have also enjoyed taking part in the VE Day celebrations, including the school picnic, remembering the events from the past and taking part in an online VE Day assembly with other schools from across the country.

Reminders

Please remember to read with your child weekly and fill in reading diaries. There will also be spellings for your child to practise.

Please remember to complete homework with your child, this will really help to support the work we are doing in school. 😊

Inspire Date: TBC

