

This Week

We've had a lovely art-filled week this week and are all getting excited for our David Hockney visit next week.

We started the week by looking at a range of famous works of art and chosen the one that described our unique weekend. In addition we researched David Hockney and started our biographies and were very curious to find out about his colourful life.

A highlight was definitely being playful making 'blood smoothies' in science, using raspberries as red blood cells, marshmallows as white blood cells, sprinkles as platelets and pineapple juice as plasma!

The children were also very responsible and caring when they were reading buddies with Year 3.

Maths and English

In English we have been revising the key features of biographies and researching fascinating facts for our David Hockney biographies. We will finish writing them next week. We also wrote a beautiful class poem about the David Hockney picture *Bigger Splash*.

In maths we have been exploring art in maths – creating anamorphic art as well as solving puzzles involving shapes. It was great to see the children all showing a growth mindset to unfamiliar problems on Wednesday – working through their initial frustration or confusion.

Enjoy the long weekend,
Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Storey

Shakespeare Class

Newsletter

Thursday 18th May

Home Learning

I have loved seeing the Mayan art research the children have done – thank you.

Maths pre-learning: We will be looking at timetables in preparation for our Hockney trip. Please look at and read a bus/train timetable together

English pre-learning: we will be writing a recount of our Tate trip. Please practise recount skills by asking your child to recount a favourite part of their weekend

Spelling: words from the Year 5/6 spelling list (sent home Thursday)

Reading response: Read a biography of someone you admire. Can you identify all the key features of a biography? What makes it enjoyable to read?

Making 'blood smoothies' in science



Proud Cloud and Fine Diner

Proud Cloud is **Ollie** for admirable determination and perseverance in maths when faced with a new, unfamiliar problem linked to maths in art

Fine Diner **Matty** is for impeccable manners and social skills in the lunch hall

Next Week

Our Art Fortnight continues next week with all our learning linked to art. We will be looking in particular at science through art and PSHE through art.

In addition we will be learning more about the general election and running our own election to vote on our non-European Society topic for next half term, deciding whether we study Maya, Benin or Bagdad as our Non-European Society topic.

We have our **exciting class trip to the David Hockney art exhibition at the Tate Britain on Tuesday 23rd May** – please remember comfy shoes and packed lunch

