

## Spotlight on the Lions:

Now fully settled back into school routines, Lions have been inspired by the new summer term topics and are applying themselves with responsibility towards their learning across the curriculum, whilst also having a great deal of fun! In the core subjects, they have been introduced to the classic novel, 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo and have been using the VIPERS model to further develop their skills in comprehension together with a recently introduced initiative, known as OKI (Observe, Know, Infer) in response to a photograph, which we are all really enjoying. The range of reading material has also really opened up through the use of Myon.

In maths, the focus has been upon improving written recording, presentation and accuracy of addition, subtraction and long multiplication, whilst they have also been growing ever-more proficient in their understanding of angles, to the point that this week, both Years 5 & 6 have been, in the words of Mrs Lee 'cracking eggs with sticks' as they worked through a consolidation booklet which they all agreed had improved their confidence enormously. Access to laptops has also enabled such welcome practice on Maths-Whizz.

In addition to the range of activities completed during Science Week, science has introduced the children to the work of Sir David Attenborough and Dame Jane Goodall, then yesterday they made a storyboard showing the journey pollen takes to fertilise a flower. History and geography are focused upon the wonders of Cumbria, we are looking at Cumbrians who have made a difference and discovering a great deal about the landscape; just this week the class researched the largest lakes and also discovered several of the most well-known tarns. In art, we are completing our unit on 'The Power of Love' and working on a rather complex collage inspired by a 'mindfulness' approach towards working in the style of Gustav Klimt. In French they have been learning the names for parts of the body and practising 'Têtes, épaules, genoux et pieds'!

A final excitement this term has been in P.E. in which we have really benefitted from Ms. Wallace, from William Howard School coming in each week to teach hockey skills and today, she introduced the class to cricket (see photos)! Added to all our hard work, thoughts of next year are also very much a topic of discussion and both year groups really are doing their very best to ensure that they will be ready and eager to 'hit the ground running' in September. We are really proud of them.

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## Notices

- Uniform- Please make sure that children are dressed in the correct uniform. On PE days they may wear some plain dark shorts, leggings or jogging pants with their uniform sweatshirt and a polo shirt. Thank you



## Reminders

- It is Mental Health Awareness Week this week 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May. Children are able to wear the relevant colours to school each day.
- CFM Cash for Kids Week, please help in any way that you can.

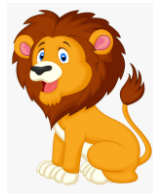


## Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week is:

**Lions**

*Well done! Keep it up!!*



## Diary Dates

- 12<sup>th</sup> May Class Photos – Rose & Sons
- 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June Half Term, school finishes Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May



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