



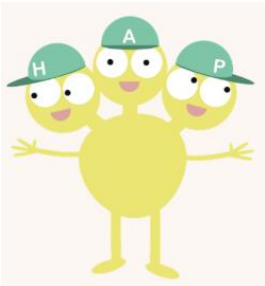
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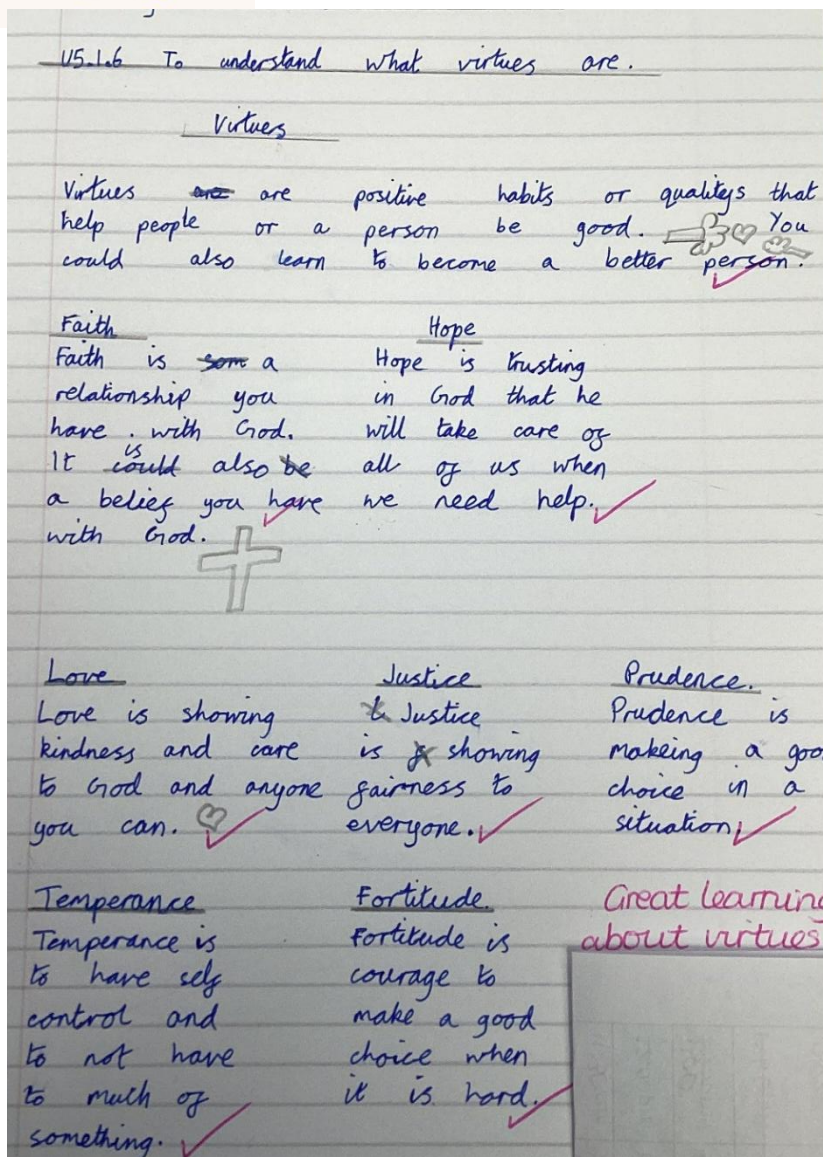
YEAR 5

Class Newsletter

Year 5 have had a wonderful start to the year!



At the start of term, we began by reflecting on the special gifts and talents which make each of us unique. Using the resource, **'MY HAPPY MINDS'**, we learnt about how our brains work and the role of the hippocampus, amygdala and pre-frontal cortex in helping us to manage in different situations.



In **R.E.**, our topic was 'Creation and Covenant' and we learnt about the life of Moses and the covenant God made with him through the Ten Commandments. We then reflected on the teachings of Jesus about the greatest commandments and what happens when people don't follow this teaching. Finally, the children learnt about virtues as positive habits that help a person to follow the commandments.

Our first **ENGLISH** topic was 'Legends' and we enjoyed reading several legends including Beowulf, Gelert and Robin Hood. The children wrote their own amazing legends based on Beowulf, using description to create their own settings, heroes and beasts.

Many hundreds of years ago, around Anglo Saxon times, there was a kind and generous king called Rendo and his loving wife, Queen Mary. They lived in castle Hill and they built a great hall for their people called Renmary Hall. However, in a deep, dark cave down the hill, there lived an evil monster called Crawler. He was big, tall, green, had small legs and arms and he hated happiness.

Lots of years ago, Around Jesus's time there was a king and queen called King Lotus and Queen Ann. The King and queen had a heart full of joy, so they decided to get together and build a great hall for the people to have feasts and enjoy. The settlement was built on top of a massive hill to prevent danger. The settlement was as big as a cathedral. This settlement had a name to remember and the name was Hillville and it also has an amazing view upstairs. However, there was a dark secret about the hill because there was a terrifying beast called Scorpion. He had very sharp teeth with sharp claws that can pierce you right inside your skin and even through your bones. He had a long tail like a lion and it was used to whack people in the face and Scorpion had a huge mouth to eat people. Every single night Scorpion sneaks into Hillville to attack people and also take them to his lair and devour them but this had to come to an end.

It was super to see everyone building on what they learnt in Year 4 to take their writing to new levels. Here are some extracts from our stories.

Our **MATHS** learning this term has focused on developing an understanding of place value in numbers up to 1,000,000, using efficient addition and subtraction strategies, measuring angles and calculating perimeter. Here is an example of the types of calculations we have worked on:

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In **SCIENCE**, our learning was all about the properties of materials. We investigated the best materials to keep an ice cube frozen and a hot drink warm. The children were super scientific researchers, using careful observations and measurements.

In **GEOGRAPHY**, we have used a range of maps to learn about the geography of the British Isles. Children have identified main mountain ranges, rivers and cities as well as the counties surrounding Lancashire. We then focused on Lancaster and carried out fieldwork to investigate how land is used in Lancaster City centre.



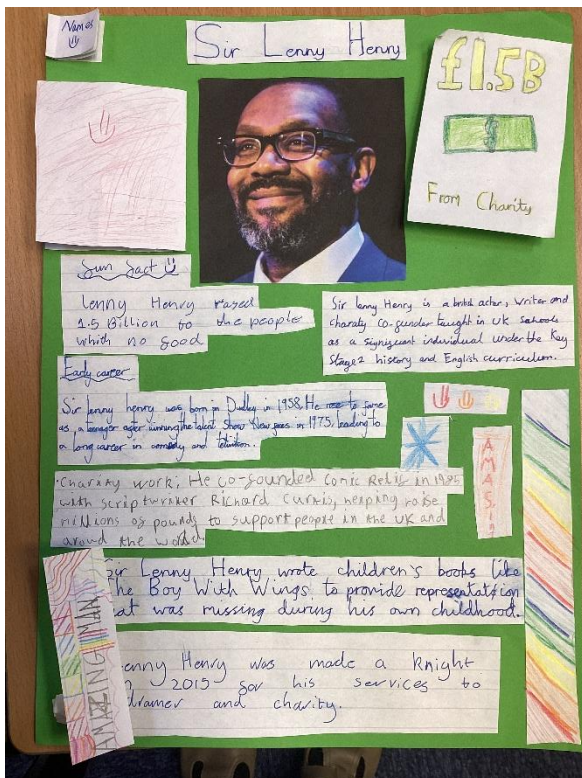
In **ART**, we have been learning how to draw using one- and two-point perspective. We practised drawing boxes, houses and our names before having a go at drawing the Cathedral. Some fantastic drawings were produced.



We also enjoyed making our Christmas card designs which we are selling to raise money for our PTA:

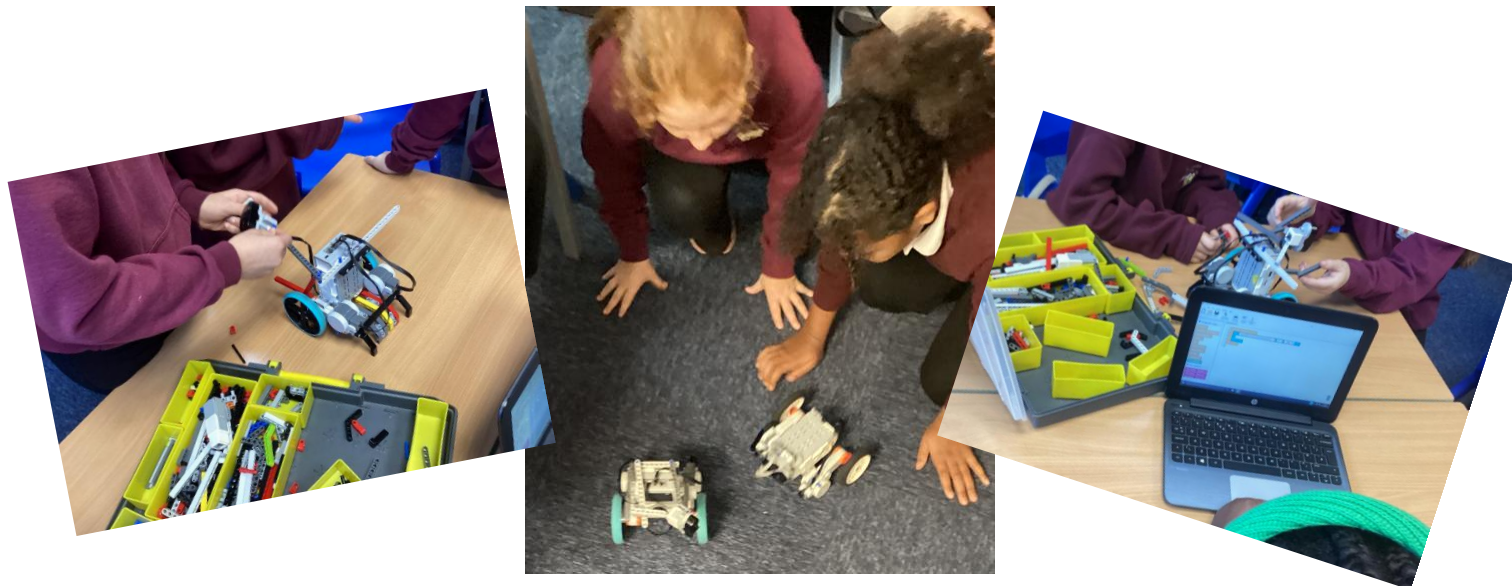


In **MUSIC**, we have been learning how to read simple music notation and play the glockenspiel to a swing or Bossa Nova rhythm. We have then adapted a melody to compose our own wonderful music, using music notation.



As part of our **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** learning, Year 5 have been looking at the lives of contemporary Black British people who have made a significant contribution to society today. We particularly looked at the author Malorie Blackman and the work of Sir Lenny Henry who first started Comic Relief. The children worked collaboratively in groups to produce some great posters to show their learning.

Finally, we thoroughly enjoyed the **LEGO-CODING** workshop. We used lego to build a model and used coding via a laptop to programme the models to move. The result was fabulous!



The children in Year 5 have led thoughtful times of prayer in class this half term. We also enjoyed preparing a Celebration of the Word for the whole school and telling the story 'Stone Soup' during our school Harvest Celebration. During October, our Year 5 GIFT team members have been leading a lunchtime Rosary prayer time for children in Key Stage 2 and they led our class in praying the Rosary with great reverence.



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in Faith and Love.**