

Ock Class weekly update – W/e 23rd September

Hi everyone,

We have had yet another great week here in Year 5 with lots of fantastic learning!

In English this week we have been continuing on with our sentence stacking unit based off of the book 'Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce' – the children have really impressed me this week with their creative approach to writing. We have been working on lots of different skills, including relative clauses and descriptive paragraphs – the children have embraced this and come up with some beautiful sentences. I was particularly impressed with how keen they were to challenge themselves and deepen the moment in their writing.

In maths this week we have been continuing on with our Place Value unit, we had a great active maths lesson on Friday, whether the children had to create their own 6 digit numbers and organise them according to different criteria. It was great to see them embrace this, lots of great mathematical thinking and creativity with their numbers! We worked in groups and tried to make the biggest number we could, the children were fantastic at this, using their place value grids and mental maths skills to organise the numbers.

Our science lesson this week was focussed on Geocentric and Heliocentric theories, this was completely fresh learning for the children so I was blown away with how well they took it in and the scientific questions they produced about each theory! We discussed how we orbit the sun and the different pieces of evidence we have to back this up, we also discussed why some theorists might believe that the earth is the centre of everything – the children had some fantastic enquiries and created some really imaginative posters explaining both theories.

We continued on with our Viking topic on Thursday, we explored different Viking warriors and how they used their weapons to get their place in Valhalla. We used this information to answer some questions and did our own research on the laptops, the children then produced some really great, informative pieces of writing on Viking warriors!

3 things to ask your child this week

1. What is the difference between the Geocentric and Heliocentric theory?
2. What is a relative clause?
3. Why did Viking warriors want to go to Valhalla?

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss O'Neill