Classroom News

Class Name: Oxford Term: Summer 1 What we have been doing this term: Term 5 2024-2025

Topic: Festivals



This term our topic has been 'Festivals'. We started by learning about VE Day, leading up to the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We learn about how people celebrated on the actual day in 1945 and explored some historical photos to see what information we could get. We've also been researching the history of Greenham Common and its role in WWII.

In Maths we have been exploring directions. We used the Beebots and programmed them with a series of instructions including forward, backwards, left and right to move the Beebot from one location to another.

We've been busy in the kitchen making spaghetti bolognaise, vegetable lasagne, vegetable noodles and cheese scones. We have also had another visit from Jan from The Berkshire Show who helped us to make rhubarb muffins.

We have been learning about the hospitality industry in our World of Work sessions. We experienced a pretend café run by the Oxford staff. The staff were awful spilling drinks and being rude. The students learnt from the experience and then were able to run their own pretend café with much improved customer service. They greeted customers, took and made orders and made sure the customers were happy and well looked after.

Stuart Team have also been asked to run a fundraising stall to West Berkshire hospital next half term so we began to make items to sell. We created tie dyed tote bags. We folded the bags and wrapped them with elastic bands. We then soaked the bags in water and added the dye. We use bottles with different coloured dyes to add different colours to different parts of the bags. We'll let you know when you can see the finished products for sale on our stall.

Dates & Points to remember: V&A museum visit- Thursday 22nd May Term Ends – Friday 23rd May Summer 2 term begins – Monday 2nd June Prom for Year 11 pupils- Thursday 10th July