

Prairie Falcon Class

A Life on the Ocean Waves



We started our topic by pretending to be sailors, playing games and learning the different parts of a ship. We learnt that sailors used sea shanties to help them do

all the difficult jobs they had to do on a ship and we learnt some of these, including *What Shall We Do With A Grumpy Pirate*, before composing our own ones in groups. We learnt about weaving and made our own underwater scenes using the techniques we had learnt -



we're sure you'll agree they look amazing! The highlight of our topic was our trip to Portsmouth Historic



Dockyards to learn all about sailors in the past. We learnt about some of the things they would have had on ships at the time of the Battle of Trafalgar and got a chance to dress up and handle some objects from that time. We then got to explore HMS Victory which is the ship that Horatio Lord Nelson sailed on. We actually saw the spot where he was shot and loads of other cool things - including his toilet! When we came back to school we had a go at building our own boats using the ideas that we had learnt.



London's Burning!

Our next topic was London's Burning where we learnt all about the Great Fire of London in 1666. We looked at a different aspect of the fire each week from what the houses were like at the time (they were made of wood and straw and burnt really easily because they were all close together) to what was done to fight the fire and stop it spreading. We had a visit from the



local fire service and we compared the equipment they have now to what was available in 1666. As part of our work we wrote diary entries like Samuel Pepys did and also learnt about his life. In art we looked at collage and created our own Great Fire of London scene for a display. One of our favourite things that we did was to create model houses. We also learnt about how to keep our houses safe from fire. As the fire started in a bakery in Pudding Lane, we designed and made our own yummy bread rolls.



Polar Adventures

We started our polar explorers topic with a day based around penguins. We learnt why penguins have blubber by doing a really cool experiment involving a glove made out of fat (just like blubber is made out of). We collaged different types of penguins and made pictures of the Northern Lights. This half term we have been looking at the book '*Could a Crocodile Play Basketball?*' and we've written our own similar books about reindeer (who we don't think would like to eat an ice cream!) and

penguins (who definitely would like to eat a fish finger sandwich!) We went to Gilbert White's House and the Oates Collection and had a fantastic day being polar explorers. We got to try on some of the clothes that people wear in the Antarctic and see the kind of tents they use. We also got to have a go pulling a sledge! In science we've been learning about animals and how they change as they get older. As part of this we have had some living eggs in school and we've been keeping a photo diary as the eggs hatch into chicks. As part of our maths we've been looking at statistics and have made tally charts about our favourite types of penguin.

We can't wait to find out what we're learning about next!

