

Year 5/6 Curriculum Highlights 2024-25

At Botley C of E Primary we take great pride in our fantastic curriculum, which enables children to make great progress alongside undergoing many engaging learning experiences. Please enjoy this summary of our curriculum highlights from this academic year.



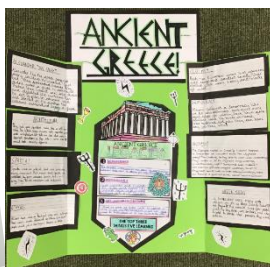
Autumn 1 – All the fun of the fair

During our theme, All the fun of the fair, the children have been provided with a rich and engaging context for their learning across a range of subjects. The theme was launched with an exciting educational visit to Paulton's park, where pupils participated in a workshop in the science lab based on forces. This memorable experience for the children meant that back at school they could apply their knowledge by designing, constructing and evaluating their own moving fairground rides. This hands-on technology project encouraged creativity and critical thinking and it was wonderful to see how much pride the children took in their finished projects. As part of our music curriculum, pupils developed accompanying soundtracks for their rides, experimenting with musical elements such as tempo, rhythm, and dynamics. In science, we continued our focus on forces and also explored how components function within an electrical circuit and how these systems can be used in their fairground rides. We concluded the half term with either a visit on the Year 5 or Year 6 residential or, for those remaining in school, a creative project based on the Mexican Celebration Dia De los Muertos (day of the dead) took place.



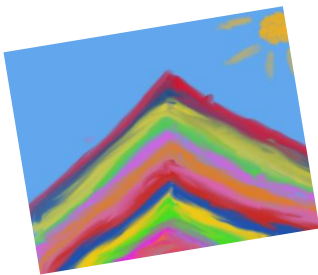
Autumn 2 – Gods and mortals

In Autumn 2, our theme was gods and mortals, which provided a rich opportunity for pupils to delve into the fascinating world of Ancient Greece. We launched the theme with a Greek dress up day where the children came to school dressed as gods, goddesses and warriors. A particular highlight from the term was a performance from the Marcus Dille theatre company. As part of our art and history work, the children created ancient Greek masks and in history, they also showcased their knowledge of the legacy of Ancient Greece from democracy and the Olympics to architecture, philosophy and language.



Spring 1 – Perilous Peru

In Spring 1, the theme was Perilous Peru and we began with a theme day where the children boarded the plane to Peru from Eagle class airport – passports in hand! The children explored the country's diverse geography by creating an oversized string map and built detailed 3D biome models to represent the Amazon rainforest, Andes mountains and coastal regions. Using the ipads, pupils used sketch pad to produce vibrant artwork inspired by Peruvian landscapes.



Summer 1 – Ancient Civilisations (Year 5)

In Summer 1, Year 5 travelled back in time to explore the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. The learnt about the importance of the River Nile, uncovered the secrets of mummification and explored the beliefs and rituals of Egyptian gods and goddesses. They have also produced lovely art work linking to the school grounds where they have made their own lino prints, printed onto fabric and stretched these over the frames they made. The children then applied these with a range of threads and beads.

Summer 2 – Goodbye Botley (Yr6)

Our final theme in year 6, Goodbye Botley, has been a special and memorable way to celebrate the end of the children's primary school journey. As part of this theme, pupils upcycled their old uniform to create unique memory cushions – keepsakes of memories from their time at Botley. In art, they produced striking self-portraits in the style of Andy Warhol. A major highlight to our half term was our Matilda production. The children wowed their audience with their energy, talent and teamwork. We also attended a special leaver's service at Portsmouth cathedral and to round it all off we held Botley fest 2025, a festival afternoon packed with music, photo booth, and sweetie stall and ice-cream van. It has been a wonderful way to say goodbye and we are incredibly proud of everything our Year 6s have achieved.



Summer 2 – One world (Yr 5)

In summer 2, Year 5, as part of their One World topic, have been learning about climate change and its impact on our planet. They explored the causes of global warming, including carbon emissions and deforestation. The children developed a strong understanding of the challenges our planet faces and the importance of taking action to build a more sustainable future. The children also thoroughly enjoyed creating musical instruments from recycled materials and performing these to the class.