

Leaders' Day of Learning

'Leaders' was the theme of our Spring term topic and each class developed their knowledge and understanding of leaders and leadership through each curriculum area.

Our afternoon on **25th February** started with music as **Reception Class** demonstrated their learning with colourful, rhythmic and very enthusiastic Dragon Dances. Each dragon followed the directions of the musical leaders, slowing down and speeding up their dances as the music changed tempo. It is clear that Reception Class have learned a lot about playing with control and listening carefully to music.

Everyone loves a Pop-up-book and **Year 4** chose Queen Elizabeth as the leader in the design of their own books with moving parts. Visitors were able to see a variety of books and try out the range of techniques for making pages with moving parts. There was plenty of evidence of the stages in the design process in this DT project and perhaps some of the visitors were inspired to have a go themselves.



Years 1, 3 and 5 had Art and Design as their main focus subject. **Year 1** explored different kinds of leaders and showed their drawing and painting work as well as some lovely 3D sculptures that were cleverly presented on a painted background.



Year 3 showed their fabulous drawing skills by demonstrating different methods and techniques for shading. They had been investigating portraits of King Arthur and showed that you can learn a lot about a person from their portrait by looking for clues.



Year 5 used the media of textiles to investigate leaders in space. They demonstrated their sewing techniques and showed how they combined different textures and colours to create their textile pictures.



History was the main focus in Years 2 and 6 with both classes learning about leaders from the Victorian times. **Year 2** had been finding out about the work of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole during the Crimean War and how nursing has changed. Visitors saw some fabulous models, research and drawings and the experts showed how pictures can give clues about the past.



In **Year 6** started their sharing event with a 'live' broadcast from Queen Victoria herself. I wonder if she would have been amused! The experts in Year 6 shared their learning and demonstrated good knowledge of what life was like in Victorian Britain. They had each researched an inventor or leader of industry from the period and presented key facts clearly and very effectively in a poster.



Well done to all the experts for confidently sharing their learning once again!