

## Year 5 Learning Updates 2018/2019

### YEAR 5- NOVEMBER UPDATE.



November has been a busy month in Y5!

In English, we began our unit on Raven Boy which the children have really been getting in to. They have enjoyed thinking about London around the time of the plague and what living there might have been like.

Our foundation topic for much of November has been computing. We began thinking about robotic systems and how an input is processed and produces an output. We have worked on de-bugging a simple program and used our knowledge to fix the bug!

Some children have spoken about robots at home and some have even bought them in to show and demonstrate (see picture)

We have of course also had Science day and Anti-bullying week.

All in all a very busy month. We look forward to showing you what we have next month in the build up to Christmas.

Best wishes,

The Y5 team

### January writing project

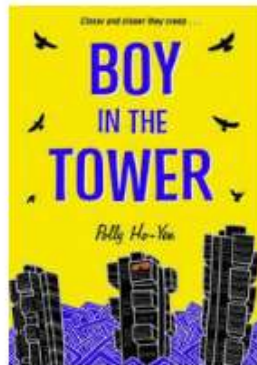
As you may know Almond Hill are beginning the Spring Term with a whole school writing project. This will be based on a picture book called 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. The story is based on an ordinary girl with an extraordinary power - a magic crayon. The award-winning book is described as 'exquisitely illustrated' and it is on some of these featured drawings that form the basis of our Year 5 writing. We will be concentrating on a specific 'flying carpet' scene which shows a bustling yet beautiful landscape beneath. Children will be imagining they are the character on the carpet and describing the setting below. Our second writing piece will be a poem and will focus on birds. A special bird features in the book and we will use this characters story as inspiration for our own poems. In addition to what we are sure will be amazing writing, we will also be demonstrating our art skills - creating origami birds - linked to our poetry. We are really looking forward to sharing our outcomes with you soon!

## Year 5 January update. Focus: English

What a great start to 2019! The children have returned to school excited and ready for Spring term. Spring term is short this year meaning we have to pack lots of learning into a short space of time. We started the year with a new whole school project based on a picture book: Journey by Aaron Becker. We had 3 weeks to produce a narrative, a poem and a piece of art. We began the first week thinking about a specific scene from the book where the main character, a young girl, is flying through an Arabian setting. We used our senses and worked on vivid descriptions to write about this part of her journey. We then started a poem about the 'purple bird', another of the main characters. We worked on creating stanzas that do not rhyme but show meaning through vocabulary choices and varying sentences length. Finally, we explored our creative side with mixed media versions of the purple bird. Some children chose paint, oil pastels, chalk etc. to make their artwork. All work is now displayed in the classrooms and throughout the school. The children are very proud of their achievements, and so are their teachers!

## Year 5 - Spring 2 update.

Year 5 have had a busy half term! In core subjects, we have been working on 'The Boy in the Tower' - an exciting text by author Polly Ho Yen. The children have enjoyed exploring the characters in the book, not only through written outcomes but through drama and film. Maths this term has included conversion of measure (time, weight, area and money).



In music, we have had fun singing, dancing and playing percussion instruments to our focus genre hip-hop. We are now pros at singing 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air'.



As part of our PSHCE unit, we have been focusing on the work in the community with police officers.