



Stoats

Class News

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Welcome to our first news page of the summer term. What a glorious time we have had so far!

Our science topic for this term is 'Fire and Fossils – The World Beneath Our Feet'. With this in mind, we have jumped straight in, finding out about rocks and rock products. To our surprise, we discovered that toothpaste has an element of rock in it! We decided to go on a rock hunt around Ivybridge to see the different types of rocks that we have on our very doorstep. We discovered...

roof slates.....

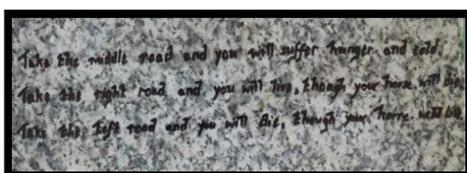


stone walls.....

...and a bridge made of granite.



On our return, we searched our school grounds for a special rock which had a warning carved on it. This linked with our literacy studies of the 'Firebird' text. In the 'Firebird', Prince Ivan embarks on a quest to find the Firebird and one of the first things that he encounters is a rock with a warning on it. He then has to choose which path to take.



In subsequent literacy lessons, we have been improving our descriptions, particularly of dragons. We have been using adjectives, expanded noun phrases and similes:

'Peacock coloured scales, as sharp as daggers, protective like armour on a Prince.' – Amy IA

'His underbelly is as massive as a boulder.' – George

'His roar is as powerful as a stampede of elephants.' – Felix

'Fighting back arrows with his patterned, scaly and protective skin, he was as strong and solid as a wall.' – Olivia

'Eyes glaring malevolently, as big as headlights. Claws as sharp as a sea urchin.' – Anna-Mae

Staying on the theme of fire, we have been finding out what is actually inside our Earth. We were surprised to find out that we live on a layer of rock that is floating on an enormous pool of magma!



We made cross-sectional mobiles of the Earth for a class display.

We were delighted with the various pebbles, rocks and pieces of slate that were submitted following our two-week rock painting project. Our homework rocked!



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.