

## CLASS 2

In History we have been looking at different transport through the ages. Last week our focus was cars and we found out about the first car (Benz Velo), the earliest car mass produced (Ford Model T) a very popular (The VW Beetle) and an interesting small car (BMW Isetta 'Bubble Car'). We compared similarities and differences between the sets of cars. This lesson was also a great opportunity to put into practice our PSHE and Computer learning with regards to safely researching online and what to do if something does not seem right.



## CLASS 3

This half term Class 3 have been having PE sessions with a coach, through the Chance to Shine Scheme within Essex cricket. Coach Chris has been teaching us the basic skills and supported us to begin playing small games. The children have already learnt how to hold the bat and the positions on the field. This week we were learning how to bowl properly. The children have been really enjoying the sessions.



## CLASS 4

In Class 4, we have been studying the water cycle in Science and we have created our own versions of the process in sealed sandwich bags. We filled a quarter of our bags with water and blue food colouring and we have been observing the changes since Monday. When the sun shines onto the bag, we have noticed that the water evaporates and then turns into water vapour which rises and condenses at the top of the bag. After a while, water droplets appeared on the inside of the bag and these droplets eventually slid back into the liquid (the sea) and the process starts again.



## CLASS 5

Year 5 enjoyed a great – and dry – day at the River Stour on Tuesday as part of their geography learning about rivers. They practised their compass and map-reading for an orienteering activity, tested and compared water samples from the River Stour and its tributary for pollutants and identified river features. They loved taking part in the pond-dipping activity and identifying the numerous freshwater creatures they identified – including a newt! A fun and exhausting day was had by all.



## CLASS 6

This half term, Class 6 have been learning about the amazing life of Jacqueline Auriol (1917 -2000) who was the first European woman to break the sound barrier flying a jet in 1953.



For homework, we researched facts about her fascinating life: she was a member of the French Resistance in World War II and she was the daughter-in-law of the French President. Jacqueline first learnt to fly in 1948 and her love of flying dominated her life. We learnt about her remarkable recovery from a terrible accident in 1949 in which she broke many bones and spent the next three years in and out of hospital. During her long flying career, Auriol broke numerous flying records including five world speed records in the 1950s and 1960s.

In English, we wrote biographies of her life and her legacy. Jacqueline Auriol is fondly remembered in both France and the USA where she was honoured on four occasions being awarded the Harmon International Trophy by an American president in recognition of her aviation exploits.

In DT, we have been researching savoury scones and biscuits as part of our food project. We tasted a variety of savoury biscuits and a plain scone: judging them on appearance, texture, taste and smell. We discussed which flavours we liked the best and why. Next, we discussed which of these flavours we could add to a scone to improve the flavour. We decided to try spice (paprika), cheese, olives and herbs (chives). On Friday we will be making and evaluating our savoury scones!

