

ART Year 5 and 6 Unit "What a Performance"

We linked this art unit, 'What a performance', to our literacy work on Play Scripts.

We were also able to help the Year 2 children with ideas for their SATS writing task.

We listened to Chapter 7, 'A Mad Tea Party' and then wrote a Play Script for this scene.

If you would like to listen to the audio version of Chapter 7 log on to:

www.wiredforbooks.org/alice/chapter7.htm

We talked about special occasions such as birthdays, weddings, festivals, fetes and carnivals. We used our ICT skills to search for information about hats. We found two very good websites

www.thehatsite.com/felt.html

www.villagehatshop.com/top_hats.html

We also looked very carefully at how a hat is made and what different materials could be used.

We worked in pairs to develop ideas for a piece of headwear for a particular character.

To link this with our literacy writing we decided to explore the characters in Lewis Carroll's famous novel 'Alice in Wonderland'.

We designed and made a hat for the Madhatter's Tea Party.

First we interviewed the children in Year 2. We asked them lots of questions to give us an idea of what design they might like.

We didn't make any promises but did our best to match their requests!

Then we measured their heads!

Our hat stands were useful, especially when the paper maché was soggy!



We learnt some new skills during this unit. We learnt the techniques of quilling and appliqué.

They were quite tricky!

After several fittings and some minor adjustments our hats were complete. We didn't let the children see their hats until they were all finished.

Wow! What a surprise they got!! All the children were delighted with their finished product.



Mrs Steven's and Mrs Marriott organised a Madhatter's Tea Party for the children. They all wore their hats with pride!

The next day they wrote some wonderful recounts of this special event! They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Year 5/6 children were very proud of their achievements! They had their own party the following week! (not as Madhatter's though!)

In this unit the children investigated headwear and costume worn in different times and cultures, including theatre costume. They used this as a starting point for designing and making a piece of headwear for a character in a story, using a range of textiles and other materials.

Recounts where written by Year 2

Hats designed and made by Year 5/6

Play Scripts where written by Mrs Jackson's Literacy Group

Year 3

