The past few weeks have flown by and Year 5/6 have packed so much into their learning!

In English, we have been enjoying our class text, *Mary Poppins*, and have spent time getting to know the mysterious title character. Through her conversations with other characters, we have discussed what Mary says, what she avoids saying, and how the author helps us understand her personality without describing her directly. Alongside this, we have been improving our grammar skills by learning about personification and using it to make our writing more imaginative and engaging.

In Geography, we have been learning all about the United Kingdom. We have explored the four countries that make up the UK, located major cities and landmarks, and discussed different human and physical features. The children have enjoyed discovering more about their own country and developing their map-reading skills.

Maths lessons have seen both Year 5 and Year 6 pupils working hard on fractions. There has been plenty of problem-solving, reasoning and determination as the children have risen to some tricky challenges and grown in confidence.

Without doubt, the highlight of the last three weeks was our residential visit to Robinwood at Dobroyd Castle. The children threw themselves into every challenge, showing incredible enthusiasm, teamwork and resilience. Whether they were soaring through the air on the giant swing, tackling the climbing wall, canoeing across the lake or working together to solve team challenges, they represented our school brilliantly. It was wonderful to see friendships strengthened, confidence grow and so many children achieve things they did not think were possible.

We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved recently and look forward to seeing that same positive attitude continue in the weeks ahead.



