Maths and Geography

Our latest Math’s inquiry project was...going to Rio for 10 days! Yes, you read that correctly. This term, our class has organized a 10-day trip to Rio de Janeiro with a budget of $10,000 per person. We booked our own flights, accommodation and sightseeing tours, including Christ Redeemer, as well as jam-packing in Olympic events. This project involved problem solving, organizing a budget and converting between US and Australian dollars! While we are in South America, we are learning all about this amazing continent. We have enough money in our budget to travel down the Amazon River and see the beautiful wildlife; travel to Macchu Picchu in Peru and Easter Island in Chile.

_Hasta la Vista ~ Gabby and Grace_

History

When we aren’t in Rio, 3/4 students are travelling 225 years into the past to learn more about convicts, Old England and the First Fleet.

We have read stories of how people became convicts; crimes and punishments; life on the Hulks and travelling in the First Fleet.
We have found out what a terrible place England was in the 1770’s. The streets were overfilled with poverty, rubbish and rats. Because of these conditions, people were forced to steal to survive.

Types of punishments included time spent in the *stocks* or *pillory*. Serious crimes resulted in *hanging*.

In this photo, Kelley is showing the class the gallows he made at home with his father. Our class were given the task of presenting 'Crimes and Punishments' in a creative way. Some students used role-play, PowerPoint presentations and visual responses. *Gabby and Grace*

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**Spelling**

Every week we play new spelling games to support our understanding of spelling. We have *word sorts* which we sort according to different spelling rules. Each day, students rotate through spelling rotations. Mrs Victory will work with her guided group. There’s an activity in *phonological* study and my favourite was Boggle! We complete activities in *orthographic* study which is a focus on word endings such as suffixes, and *morphology* which is making meaning of our words such as writing dictionary meanings. I really enjoy spelling!

*Will Travis*
Dance

We are excited about our dance performance and have been working really hard in learning our dance moves.

Dance is definitely a highlight of our school week.

We can't wait to perform for the school community and show off our dance moves.

We hope to see you all there!

Welcome Miss Halls

This term we have Miss Halls in our classroom on her 4th year Teaching Practicum.

Welcome to St Thomas More’s School, Miss Halls!