In Area 3 this term we are looking at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Part of our learning about this topic has involved a Design and Technology task of designing and constructing our very own Olympic Torch.

First of all, we watched a video on the history of the Olympic Torch. Next, we explored the Olympic rings and the significance of the colours of the rings.

We looked at lots of recyclable materials to give us some ideas of what materials we could use to construct our Olympic Torches. Then we drew a design of our Olympic Torch, keeping in mind the colours that are relevant to the Olympic Games.

Finally, the time to build our torches had arrived..... we used our recyclable materials, sticky tape and paint to build and decorate our torches. We used cellophane as well as red and gold metallic paper to create the flames for the torches. The end products looked great and no two torches were the same.

To accompany our torches we created “olive leaf wreaths” to wear on our heads. In the Ancient Olympics, winners were awarded a wreath instead of the medals that winners are given in the Modern Olympics.

To make the “olive leaf wreaths” we first coloured in leaves with a variety of shades of green, using pencils, crayons and oil pastels. Next, we cut out the centre of a paper plate. Finally, we cut out the leaves and glued them onto the paper plate.
The next job was to plot out the course for our torch relay. We walked as a class around the whole school and everyone drew their own maps of the school and marked out the path we would take. Then, Mrs Craig allocated spots for everyone to stand that gave everyone a fair distance to travel. We had 2 “test runs” of the course so that we knew where we started, where we ran to and any “special” jobs, like zig-zagging through football goal posts or sliding down a slippery dip. Casey even had the great idea of making a pretend torch our of a bunch of soursobs she found near the cricket nets. It got passed on from student to student…..by the end of the relay there wasn’t much left!!!!!

Our final challenge was waiting for a sunny day.....at this time of the year it proved quite tricky.....but the perfect day eventually arrived.

We grabbed our torches....put out wreaths on our heads....and took our places....it was VERY exciting. We ran and ran and ran our little hearts out. When we got to the next person we touched torches to pass on the “flame”. We had a great time learning about the Ancient Olympics and an even better time acting out the Ancient Torch Relay.