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The Power of Invention - Rube Goldberg Machines

This term has been so much fun learning about Rube Goldberg and being able to make one of his machines. We really enjoyed the Forces and Energy incursion earlier in the term where we got to experiment with lots of different things and explore how forces and energy made things move. We especially enjoyed watching the bottle rocket explode into the sky using built up pressure.

When we began designing our Rube Goldberg machines we all had lots of ideas and everyone wanted to include their idea in their machines. Our groups had to compromise on our ideas and test if these would work using lots of different materials. We had so much fun building and creating our Rube Goldberg machines and then being able to share them with the other classes and the parents that came to see them. We also wrote information reports about Rube Goldberg and the simple tools he used to make his crazy machines work.

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