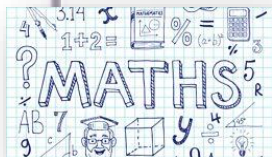
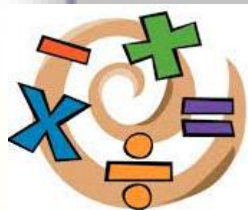




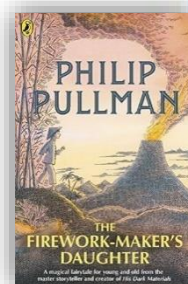
Well we have come to the end of a busy term and time just seems to have passed by so quickly! We have covered so much since January; we're not sure how we've managed to fit it all in! The children have all worked extremely hard and should be proud of what they have accomplished so far.



We have covered a lot of topics in Numeracy this term. Our main focus has been developing our skills and confidence in the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, time, fractions and shape. We have been working hard on times table knowledge, ready for the National Multiplication Check in the summer term. We have been working on mental arithmetic by learning strategies and improving our speed to complete questions on a variety of different areas of Numeracy.



Literacy lessons have allowed the children to use many different skills in their work and really focus on improving their writing. We have looked at many different types of writing styles this term such as descriptive writing, advertisements, WANTED poster, diary entries and narrative. In Literacy, we read "The Firework Makers Daughter" by Philip Pullman which is linked to our Science curriculum and has provided an exciting stimulus for our writing. We have also worked hard with our grammar and spellings, helping the children to further improve their writing.



This term, children have worked really hard on their speaking and listening skills. They have learnt about play scripts, stage directions, expression, projection and acting in role for our fantastic Year 4 Performance of 'Till and Fred's most Hysterical, Historical Adventure!' We were very proud of them all.



In Science, we had lots of fun with our 'States of Matter' topic. We have been learning lots of exciting things about solids, liquids and gases and why and how states of matter can change. We have applied our learning to understanding how the water cycle works. The children have enjoyed learning about the world through carrying out scientific investigation and developed their working scientifically skills.

Science Week

We have also had a busy and fun-filled Science Week. We were lucky enough to watch a display from Alan Ames, The Birdman, who brought in three birds of prey. We explored, designed and created sustainable farms. We had lots of fun visiting the science gadget shop, we had a fun science play workshop and were able to experiment with various science resources. We participated in a whole school science pattern seeking investigations, where our question was 'Do little things take longer to melt?'





The children have really embraced our spring topics on 'UK Coasts: Whitby' and 'Ancient Egyptians'. Children have explored small and large-scale maps, planned routes, looked at famous landscapes and created travel brochures. We've started the first half of our Egyptians topic looking at early civilisations and chronology. We have been lucky to kickstart our Ancient Egypt topic with a visit from 'West End Productions' They provided a fun-filled drama workshop, which included sessions about societal hierarchy, Gods, time lines and Tutankhamun's tomb.

Enrichment

We have been busy enriching our curriculum with several special days in school including, a mental health week, Comic Relief, Internet Safety, Word Aware Day, class swaps and swimming.



Art

In art lessons, we have been developing our artistic skills and strengthening our knowledge of Whitby. We have explored a variety of mediums and techniques such as printing. We have created a 3D ammonite and sketched real life fossils and shells



PE

We have had a great time in our PE lessons and have had a specialist P.E coach from 'Just Do Sports' to take our indoor sessions. We have been developing our Ball skills and Gymnastics skills. In outdoor PE sessions, we have been developing our understanding and skills in Basketball with a focus on physical, social, emotional and problem-solving skills. Children have also attended swimming sessions at Jack Hunt Secondary School. In all PE sessions, we have been enhancing our fundamental movement skills.



We have had a jam packed but enjoyable term where the children have enjoyed many activities

Thank you for all your support this term, it is much appreciated. Finally, all that remains is to wish you a happy spring Break. We hope that the children will return for our final term of Year 4, healthy and ready for the fun and further challenges ahead!

**All the best, from the
Year 4 Team**