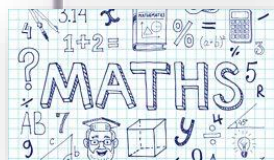




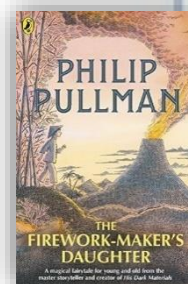
Well we have come to the end of a busy term and time just seems to have passed by so quickly! We have covered so much since January; we're not sure how we've managed to fit it all in! The children have all worked extremely hard and should be proud of what they have accomplished so far.



We have covered a lot of topics in Maths 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 Maths.



English 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, WANTED poster, diary entries and narratives. In English, we read "The Fire-work Maker's 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, oracy and acting in role for our fantastic Year 4 Performance of 'Defrosted'. 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 have a visit from Dr Jo, where we explored States of Matter by making ice cream, we even had a taste test! Children carried out their own scientific investigations and explored 'big questions' about the centre of gravity. We had lots of fun visiting the science gadget shop and pupils loved the Circus Workshop, where we explored a variety of forces through impressive demonstrations.





The children have really embraced our spring topics on Romans in Peterborough and 'UK Coasts: Whitby'. Children have explored small-and large-scale maps, planned routes and looked at famous sculptures. We've started the first half of our Romans topic looking at the local town of Durobrivae – which was a pottery making town. We also studied the Castor Praetorium and made predictions on what the building was used for. We were lucky enough to visit Ferry Meadows where children explored a range of activities linked to Roman Peterborough including building and firing our own trebuchets!



Enrichment

We have been busy enriching our curriculum with several special days in school including, Mental Health Week, Comic Relief, Internet Safety, Bedtime Stories, Word Aware Day and swimming lessons. We also visited Ferry Meadows for a Local Roman Day.

Art

In Art lessons, we have been developing our artistic skills and strengthening our knowledge of Whitby and Romans. We have explored a variety of mediums and techniques such as printing. We have sketched real life fossils, drawn Roman Emperor Busts, sketched Roman soldiers and learnt about mosaics including the work of Antoni Gaudi.



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 Stanground Academy. 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 and learnt many new and exciting things.

Thank you for all your support this term, it is much appreciated. Finally, all that remains is to wish you a happy Easter 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**