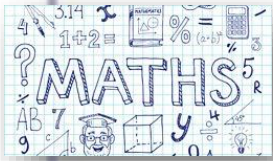


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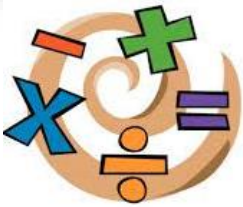


## Newsletter

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 in the past four months; 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. We have been working hard on mental arithmetic by learning strategies and improving our speed to complete questions on a variety of different areas of Numeracy. We have also covered place value, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We are continuing to work hard on developing our speed and accuracy when recalling the multiplication tables.



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. In Literacy we read "Beowulf" which is a story of a mixture of real events from Anglo-Saxon legends. We have also written descriptions, fact files and letters. We have been reading 'The King who Banned the Dark' which links to our Science topic. We have enjoyed making inferences and how to write a persuasive letter. We have also worked hard with our grammar helping the children to further improve their writing.

## LITERACY



We started off the term looking at electricity. The children learnt about circuits, mains and battery power. We investigated what components are needed to create a circuit. In the second half term, we learnt about how light travels and how it is reflected as well as investigating different materials and the shadows that they produce. We finished the term by putting our science knowledge together and creating a shadow puppet theatre.





The children have really embraced our autumn topic on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They covered many areas including where they came from and why, what life was like for people living during these times and the great battles that took place. We learnt who were the great Kings of this era and how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings impacted our lives today, through language, place names and the legal system.



In our Art lessons, we looked at primary and secondary colours and mixing different shades. We have also looked at creating shadows within our drawing using different shading skills. We created some lovely Northern Lights pastel pictures.



We have been busy enriching our curriculum with several special days in school including, Roald Dahl day, a visit from the Road Safety team, a day focused on our well-being and Anti-Bullying week.

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 fitness and learning how to play dodgeball. We have also been able to visit the Regional Swimming Pool focusing on water safety, confidence and technique throughout all topics. In all PE sessions, we have been enhancing our fundamental movement skills as well as working on tactics, team work, leadership and improving skills in isolation.

The children have been very fortunate as they have been able to participate in Samba drumming lessons. They have thoroughly enjoyed this and have made great progress throughout the term.



We have had a jam packed but enjoyable term where the children have enjoyed many activities away from normal lessons such as Children in Need and creating some lovely displays for our Winter Wonderland.

Thank you for all your support this term, it is much appreciated. Finally, all that remains is to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that the children will return in 2022 happy, healthy and ready for the fun and new challenges ahead!

**Enjoy the holiday, from all of the  
Year 4 team.**