

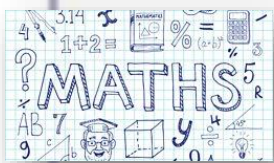
# Year

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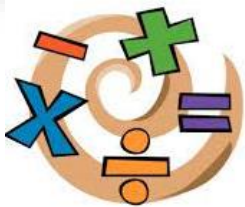


# Newsletter

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 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. 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. We have been continuing our learning of multiplication and division, area and fractions.




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 "The Great Kapok Tree" which is linked to our Rainforest topic and looks at deforestation and the effects on the animals and their habitat. We have also been learning about explanation texts all about the chocolate making process. This has included, using a rich vocabulary, complex sentences, structural features and planning and writing our own explanation texts. We have also worked hard with our grammar and spellings, helping the children to further improve their writing.

# LITERACY



We started off the term looking at Plants. The children learnt about the structure of a plant, its growth, what is needed for it to stay healthy and its life cycle. The children loved seeing the plants grow over time. In the second half of the term, we learnt about 'States of Matter'. We looked at the three states, their properties and the children investigated the melting points and boiling points of various materials.





The children have really embraced our spring topic on 'Why are the Rainforests Important?'. We explored where rainforests are located in the world, finding out about the Tropics and the Equator. We looked at the layers of the rainforest, its vegetation, animals and their habitat. Children learnt about deforestation and the impact it has had and finally we thought of ways we can help protect the rainforest. We were lucky enough to have a visit from a real-life explorer from 'The Explorer Academy'. Children had a fun-filled day learning from his first-hand experiences.



In DT, we have been making our own Poison Dart Frog toys. We have been learning how to use a pattern and how to back stitch.

We have been busy enriching our curriculum with several special days in school including, a Well-Being week, Fair-Trade Fortnight, Word Aware Day, Conductive STEAM workshops, Rainforest Explorer workshops, filming for Peterborough Celebrates and A-Life Healthy and Active Fitness sessions.



Our Art lessons have also had a rainforest focus. We have studied the work of Henri Rousseau, Henri Matisse, Julie Hamilton and Oenone Hammersley. The children started by mixing their own shades of green and have then used this knowledge within some of their work. They have also been inspired to create collages based on the rainforest.

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 dance and gymnastic skills. In outdoor PE sessions, we have been developing our understanding and skills in both Basketball and Football with a focus on physical, social, emotional and problem-solving skills. 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**