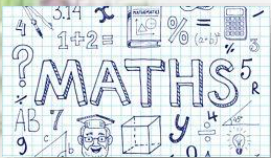


Year 4



Newsletter

Well we have come to the end of a busy year and time just seems to have passed by so quickly! We have covered so much this term; we're not sure how we've managed to fit it all in! The children have all worked extremely hard and should feel extremely proud of what they have accomplished in Year 4.



We have covered a lot of topics in Numeracy this term. We have consolidated our learning about decimals, shape and angles, time, money and statistics.

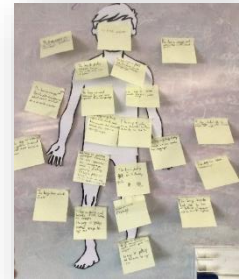
We worked extremely hard on our times tables knowledge and we all took part in the National Multiplication Check in June.



In Literacy this term, we have been concentrating on learning different poetry skills and we based this on a book called 'I am the Seed That Grew the Tree'. We learnt about imagery (alliteration, personification and similes). We used our inference skills to understand the poems further, as well as looking at the structural features.

LITERACY

We also spent time analysing the story 'King of the Sky' and we explored many different genres of writing, including instructional texts, diary entries, non-chronological reports and narratives.



We have spent this last term looking at 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. The children learnt lots of new vocabulary such as predator, prey, producer, invertebrates and vertebrates. We also found out about what makes a living thing, food chains and webs, classification keys and classifying plants and mini beasts in our school environment. As a part of our learning, we looked at how changes to our environment can have an effect on animals and their habitats.



The children have really enjoyed our 'Farm to Fork' topic where we have learnt how farming has changed through history. We used our map skills to show how landscapes can affect different types of farming. Then, we looked at how food is produced and we found out about the journey of a banana, from growing on a tree to arriving on our supermarket shelves. Later, we explored food miles, sustainability, seasonal foods and fair trade. We also looked at what we can do to help combat food waste.

FROM FARM TO FORK



The children have been engaged in a wide range of exciting opportunities.

Science Week

The week started with a show about food and digestion led by The Royal Institute. We created some artwork inspired by the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. In our house teams, we conducted rocket mice experiments. After reading the book 'Smart Pickings' we learnt about the lives of a variety of scientists. We then decided what type of scientist we would like to be. The children watched a very exciting bird show and we also planted our BioBlitz to observe what bugs are in our local area.



Sports Week and Sports Day

The children were very lucky to take part in a wide variety of activities including laser tag, lacrosse, outdoor adventurous activities which required team work and perseverance. A lot of fun was had by all. We also learnt about Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games and the history of this event. During Sports Day, we got to take part in many different activities and the children showed some good sporting behaviours.

Languages Week

We had lots of fun learning about the country of Madagascar, finding out about its geographic location, culture and traditions, as well as the animals that live there, food and its climate. We continued developing our understanding of the French language and the children came to school prepared for their flight to Madagascar on airport day.



Outdoor Learning Day



We had the perfect weather for our outdoor learning day, we were able to take part in a range of fun activities including; den building, macro-photography, nature poetry, nature art and toasting marshmallows on a camp fire.

Sacrewell Farm



Many of the children have had the opportunity to be away from home on a camping residential. Some of the activities included raft building, feeding the animals, creating key rings in the blacksmiths, using the wildflowers to create willow crowns and having a happy, bumpy ride on the tractor to see the reservoir. We all came back tired but with lots of happy memories.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year and we are wish you a happy summer break.



All the best from the Year 4 Team