

Year 4



Autumn

NEWSLETTER

Hello!

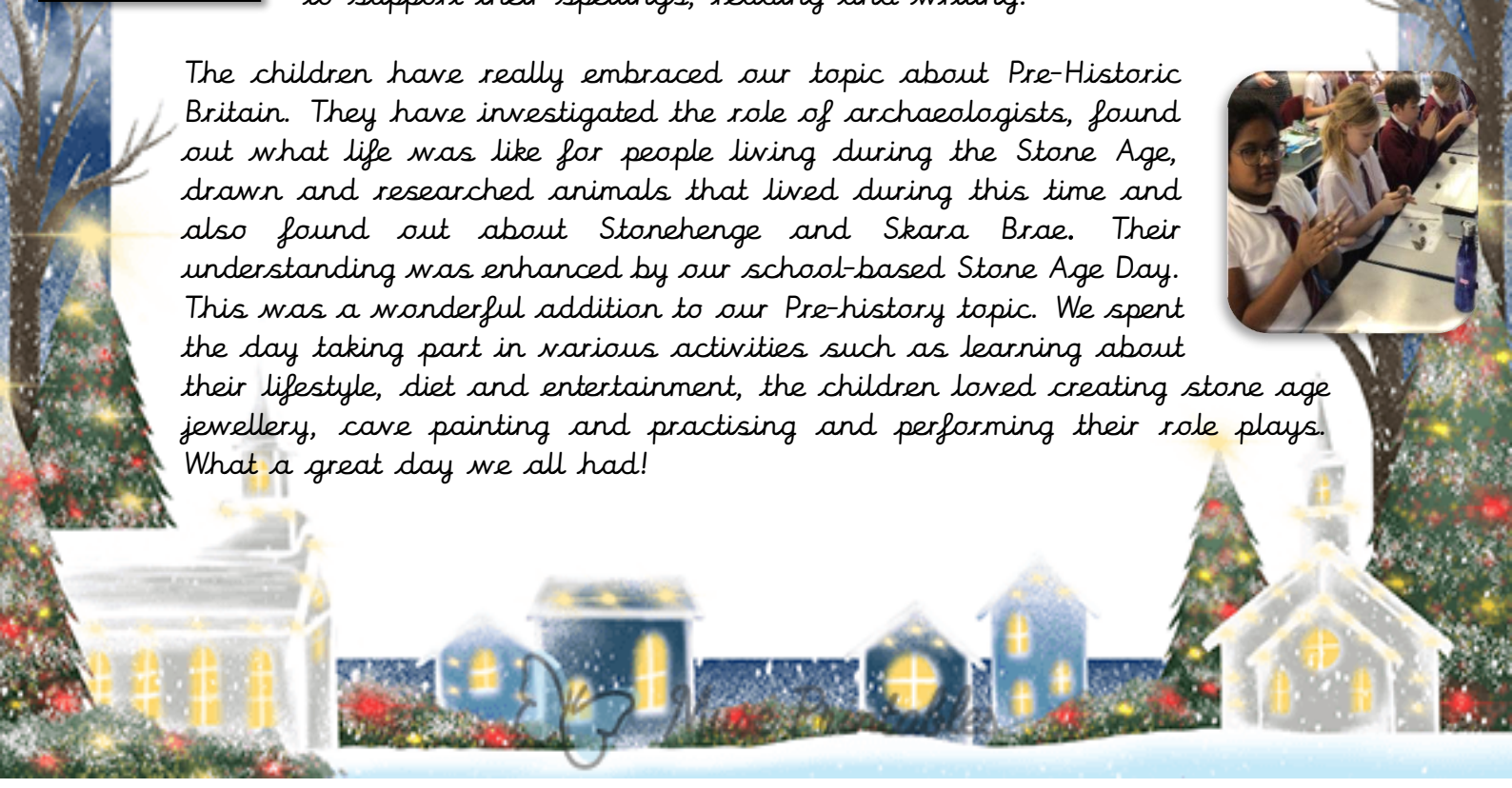
What a great first term we have had and we are so proud of how the children have adapted to the new school routines. Just look at how much we have covered since the start of the autumn term. It has been very busy in Lower Key Stage 2 and we're not sure how we've managed to fit so many activities in! Here is a snapshot of what we have been doing in Year 4 for you to enjoy!

In Numeracy, we have been practising our mental arithmetic skills and have been working very hard to learn our times tables. We really enjoy using Times Tables Rock Stars to improve the speed of our recall. This will help us for the end of year 4 Times Table Check in the summer term. This will continue to be a major focus for all of the children in Year 4. We have all done a lot of work on place value, addition and subtraction, area and multiplication and division.



This term, the children have looked at a book called 'Stone Age Boy', as a focus to write letters and diary entries from the character's point of view. The children have used the fictional film 'The Croods' to make close links in our Literacy lessons. The children have been including lots of success criteria to develop their writing, for example adjectives, fronted adverbials, direct speech etc. Year 4 children have also had weekly grammar lessons to support their spellings, reading and writing.

The children have really embraced our topic about Pre-Historic Britain. They have investigated the role of archaeologists, found out what life was like for people living during the Stone Age, drawn and researched animals that lived during this time and also found out about Stonehenge and Skara Brae. Their understanding was enhanced by our school-based Stone Age Day. This was a wonderful addition to our Pre-history topic. We spent the day taking part in various activities such as learning about their lifestyle, diet and entertainment, the children loved creating stone age jewellery, cave painting and practising and performing their role plays. What a great day we all had!





In Science, we linked our learning about rocks to the Jurassic coastline. The children looked closely at the properties of different rocks, soils and their uses. They examined and investigated many different rocks and their characteristics. They also learned all about the Rock Cycle and did some really interesting work about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. We had a visit from Paleoquest where children were acting as an archaeologist, this included; studying a variety of rocks, sorting and excavating fossils.



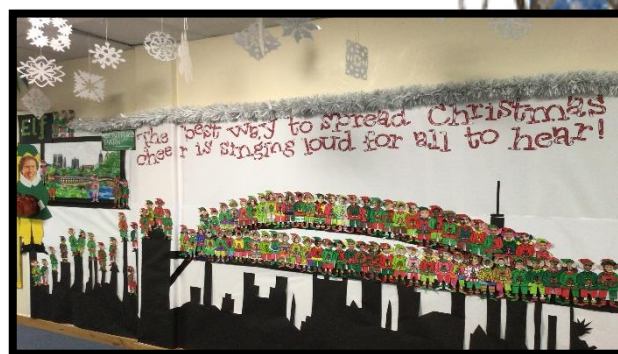
Year 4 are very lucky to have a specialist P.E coach who comes to school every week for their Indoor P.E. sessions. The children began developing their fitness skills which involved strength, stamina, speed, agility and power. In the second half term, they improved their fundamental skills such as running, jumping, skipping, hopping, dodging and balancing. These are great opportunities to learn important life skills such as; fair play, perseverance, team work, determination and being able to challenge themselves.

Year 4 have been really enjoying weekly French lessons with Madame Wills. They have learned a variety of French vocabulary and conversation. They really enjoy speaking to each other in a different language and take part very enthusiastically every week. Well done Year 4.....or should that be tres bien?



Since September, Year 4 have enjoyed weekly samba drumming lessons that have been provided by Peterborough Music Hub. They have impressed each other with their musicality, skills and confidence. They did an amazing performance to year 3 and were able to showcase their talents.

Finally, it just remains to say thank you for all of your support this term. The staff and children are very glad for all the help we have received. It is very much appreciated. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a restful holiday and we will see you again for more adventures in January 2023.



Best Wishes for a very happy holiday from the Year 4 team.