

Hello everyone! 😊

Another busy term has passed here in Year 4. As always, the children have been engaged and excited about their learning. It has been lovely to go on our whole school walks and take part in International Day and World Book Day. Here is a little information about what we have been getting up to in class.

- Maths. Lots of calculating happened this term. We have learned all of the formal written methods for each operation and the children have really enjoyed applying these to their learning. We have been keeping up with our Active Maths lessons which provide opportunities for the children to develop both physically and also mathematically- they are also great fun!
- English. We have studied some wonderful texts this term, including *The Lion and The Unicorn*, *The Matchbox Diary* and *The Winter's Child*. We have had lots of writing opportunities from these books and the stories have been magical to read. We have enjoyed our daily story time, finishing *Harry Potter* and starting *Little Badman* and the *Invasion of the Killer Aunties*.
- Art. We have been researching the *Commedia Dell'arte* as part of our work on masks. We used the work of Sergio Boldrin, a Venetian artist, to inspire us as we created our own character masks from clay.
- DT. We have been perfecting our sewing skills this term and have made our own money containers. We used the blanket stitch to create these and then enjoyed decorating them with with jewels and felt.
- Geography. We have learned all about India this term including the climate and all about the rural and urban areas. We especially enjoyed looking at Google Maps and dropping in to locations such as the Taj Mahal and The Golden Temple.
- Science. A busy term for Science as we began learning all about different food chains, webs and habitats. We then progressed on to learning about different states of matter experimenting with the melting points of different foods and seeing where ice melted the quickest in school.
- Computing. Continuing working on Scratch has allowed us to deepen our learning of coding this term. We made a variety of different games and also an animation. We will continue using Scratch for animations going in to the summer term.
- PE. We have enjoyed our gymnastics unit this term, creating lots of rather peculiar shapes and using one another to balance. Using all of the apparatus has been a great highlight and the children really challenged themselves to explore new heights- literally!

It was fantastic to be able to go to the Dulwich Picture Gallery this term. The children had a tour of the gallery and an exhibit of the works of Helen Frankenthaler and then also attended a workshop to create prints inspired by her art. It was a lovely day and the art work is now on display in our classroom. I was so proud to take them to such a wonderful place and their behaviour, as always, was outstanding.

Forest School this term was an exciting time as always. It was very chilly some days but we were lucky enough to also get some winter sunshine. The children investigated the best materials to make nests for dormice and also made one large class den- showing excellent team work.

It has been a fantastic and very busy term but I'm very proud of how hard all of the children are working. Have a wonderful restful Easter and we will be back soon ready for another exciting term.

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