

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4's Autumn 2 Newsletter. The children have embarked on another jam-packed half-term of learning and fun.



Theme Weeks

This half-term we have completed a theme week on Black History Month, learning all about the life of Katherine Johnson. The children created mini biographies about her life, and spoke confidently about her achievements. They compared and contrasted her experiences in schooling with their own, and made thoughtful contributions to discussions. Following this, we completed another theme week on the topic of Remembrance. Once again, the children made thoughtful and mature contributions to class discussions, and demonstrated a wonderful attitude to learning this important and sensitive topic.

The children created artwork based on the work of Remembrance artist Jacqueline Hurley, and learned the poem 'In Flanders' Fields' by heart.

You can watch a video of the children's recital here:

<https://www.facebook.com/100085321281693/videos/103696>

English

This half-term, our English genres are 'stories with issues and dilemmas' and 'persuasive adverts.'

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the story of 'A Matter of Loaf and Death,' and have both watched the film and read the novel adaptation. They produced a piece of independent writing in the style of the story, focussing on the build-up of suspense before the identity of the killer is revealed.

Class 4 are now beginning to create their own advertisements, in both parody and more formal contexts.

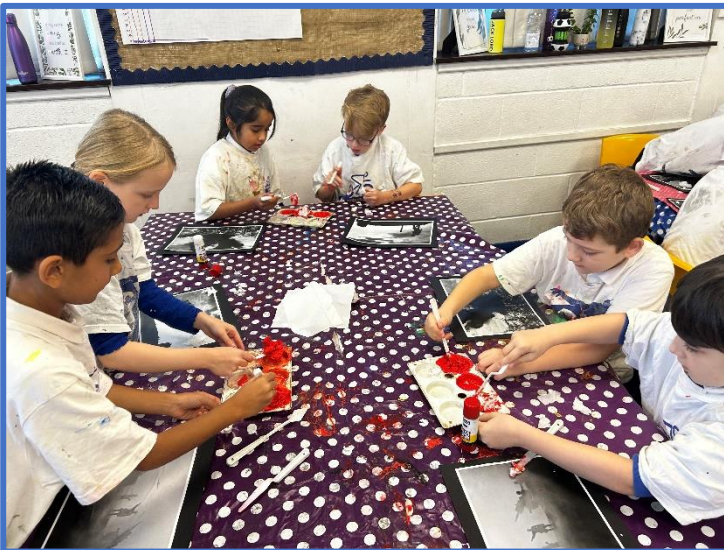


Maths

In Maths, this half-term, the children have continued to work on the Red Rose Maths Mastery scheme, completing units on Statistics, and Addition & Subtraction. In the coming weeks before Christmas, we will be diving into learning more about Multiplication and Division, using our knowledge of the Times Tables to help us tackle problems with larger numbers.

Science

Having completed a fantastic unit on Electricity last half-term, this half-term we are looking at Teeth and Digestion. So far, we have learned about human and animal teeth, and explored the relationship between tooth types and diet. Before Christmas, we will be completing experiments related to both teeth and digestion, learning more about the human digestive system, and using Augmented and Virtual Reality to explore the way our bodies work.



Music – We have finished working on the song 'Lean on me' from last half-term, and we are now working on our Christmas performance songs with Miss Burn and glockenspiel with Phil.

Geography – In Geography, we are looking at Human and Physical Geography. This incorporates lessons on land use and map skills.

PE – In PE we have just completed a unit on Dance, linked to last half-term's theme of Electricity. Next week we will begin our Gymnastics unit.

RE – In RE with Miss Burn, the children have been studying the Hindu religion; including Diwali, Vishnu, and Hindu beliefs.

PSHE – With Miss Burn, the children have been completing a unit on Drug and Alcohol Education. This includes sessions discussing smoking, alcohol, caffeine, and medicines.

Handwriting – The children are continuing their work on the 4 basic handwriting joins, spelling, and the correct sizing of ascenders and descenders.

Spanish – As always, the children have been wow-ing Mrs Carter and myself with their Spanish skills!

We have now learned:

- ✓ Greetings
- ✓ How to Introduce Ourselves
- ✓ Colours
- ✓ Numbers to 10
- ✓ Classroom Commands
- ✓ Days of the Week
- ✓ Months of the Year

The children have been incorporating these into our classroom culture, outside of Spanish lessons too, even answering some of our Maths questions in Spanish – Incredible!

