

Year 3 Autumn Term 2018

The year has got off to a great start. A real highlight of this first term has been a trip to Birkenhead Park. The lovely ranger talked us through the flora and fauna of the park and we also found out about the park during Victorian times. Did you know that it was the first public park in the UK, designed by Joseph Paxton and opened in 1847? It was a truly lovely day and we also found the time to do a minibeast hunt and a spot of orienteering.



We really enjoyed an exciting entry point for our Beautiful Britain topic. We got the chance to experience a 'Jukebox Jury' where we listened and appraised songs from around the UK. We also took part in our own Highland Games and tossed the caber. Mrs Smith came and cooked with us. We made a delicious Irish stew with colcannon mash and soda bread. The teachers loved it too and many asked for seconds! We really enjoyed exploring this topic through cross curricular writing, art, ICT, singing and drama. All our work has linked closely to our British Values and we have studied landmarks, traditions and customs as part of the topic. We even acted out the invasion of the Celts. Take a look at our scary faces!



During our healthy eating week we were given the opportunity to design and make a healthy sandwich. We were able to taste lots of different fillings and try things that we had not eaten before. We learned about the importance of food hygiene and eating healthy fruit and vegetables. This linked in well with our science lessons where we learned about having a balanced diet and how different foods help our bodies to function. We have also been lucky enough to work with MGL this term. We have looked at programming and used Scratch and the sferos.



This year we have been able to continue our Power Maths work in year 3 and are making good use of the concrete manipulatives. We are also working hard to learn our x3 and x4 tables are making good use of our times table practice books. In science we have looked at skeletons and labelled the bones in our bodies. We even labelled Daley Bear!



We have enjoyed special assemblies this term. We got to perform our Harvest song and dance to the whole school. As part of our Remembrance assembly we wrote and recited a year group poem about life in the trenches. We were also thrilled to meet Dame Patricia Routledge who came to read a Wilfred Owen war poem to us. She was a former pupil of our school and wanted to come back and visit. She had very fond memories of the school but said that it is much more colourful now!



Year 4 Autumn Term 2018

We started the year with an exciting topic about Ancient Greece. We loved hearing a range of strange and terrifying ancient myths and discussing some of the issues they raised within our regular P4C sessions. Particular favourites were 'The Wooden Horse' and 'Pandora's Box'. We also used the Icarus story to make a stop motion animation. This included tiles, sound effects and voice overs. You can find out more about this work by visiting our classrooms and seeing our mini models. We are very proud of our acetate art display in upper hall which depicts the terrifying Minotaur. We also created 3D Greek tiles and painted, decorative urns.



In Science we enjoyed learning about our teeth and our digestive system. We did some great experiments including one that involved coke, bread and a pair of tights!



For healthy eating week Mrs Porter started by showing us the vegetables which we had grown in our middle yard planter. There was plenty of onions and garlic which we used to make a delicious vegetable soup. We have also kept fit and healthy by learning how to play rounders. We had a competition between the Year 4 classes and 4G won! We have recently started to learn yoga. It really helps us to relax our bodies and our minds. We are looking forward to Fitness Friday next week and hope to do some more yoga soon.



A group of us have been lucky enough to be part of Forest School this year. We have grabbed our hats and gloves and braved the elements to learn new crafts and skills. We are also proud as a school to be supporting our local 'Hedgehog Rescue' charity by providing donations of food, newspaper and blankets. Mrs Porter is teaching the whole school about the native trees of the UK. We study a 'Tree of the Month' and have to collect facts before entering the final quiz. It's a great way to develop our knowledge.



Have you heard Year 4's Brass playing? Most people have as it's very loud! This term we have each been allocated a brass instrument (ranging from trumpets and trombones to french horns.) We had 10 lessons which then culminated in a concert for the other year groups. It took us a few weeks just to get a note out of the instruments. We had to use our Mersey Park Mindset to keep trying and not give up.



Finally, we are enjoying our whole class VIPERS sessions. We are rising to the challenge of really tricky texts and learning lots of new vocabulary. We read an extract from 'The Hobbit' last week and now we have the book in our book corner so we can carry on reading it.