

Year 3 Autumn Term 2020

We are so pleased to be back in school again with all our friends and teachers.

We quickly settled back in to school life and got to grips with all the new routines and systems to keep us safe. We started the term with some lovely activities inspired by 'The Book of Hope'. This included sketching and painting song birds and crafting 3D flamingos from a funny poem called 'Indigo Flamingo'



We have been working hard in all subjects. In literacy lessons, we have been retelling the Red Riding Hood story using the Talk for Writing technique. We

have also enjoyed developing our VIPERS reading skills and taking home additional reading books to enjoy at home. Our science topic is 'Humans and other Animals' so we have enjoyed learning the scientific names for the different bones in our bodies. We have really enjoyed our sessions with MGL, creating our own space themed computer game using the Scratch programme.



We have had a Fitness Friday and we recently took part in an enjoyable and very relaxing 'Wellbeing Day' where we could wear our own comfy clothes. We learnt about the importance of good sleep and how this helps to prepare us for the busy day ahead.



We have also held our annual elections during 'Democracy Week' for important pupil roles within school including the new Pupil Community Group. Each child had to tell us why we should vote for them to represent our class, then we did a tally of the results before announcing the winner

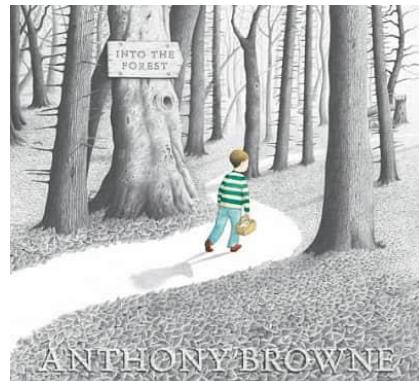
We have been working really hard to catch up on basic skills so there has been lots of extra reading, handwriting and number work but we have still found the time to enjoy outdoor basketball, REST EASY training and art work inspired by The Notting Hill Carnival and Black History Month.



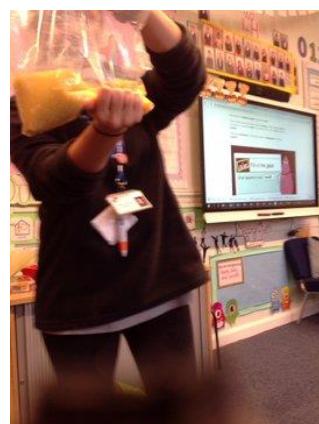
We look forward to the next busy half term.

Year 4 Autumn Term 2020

How lovely it was to get back into school and see all our friends! We quickly got hooked on a book by Anthony Browne called 'Into the Forest'. It's a great book which inspired some lovely writing about meeting a strange creature in the woods. We are also collecting new vocabulary and displaying it on our new Word Walls. We also put these words in a special box or pot so we can keep them simmering to remember them!



In Science we have enjoyed learning about our teeth and our digestive system. We carried out a 5 day experiment to observe the damage that sugary drinks do to our teeth. We also tried out some great experiments to show how our digestive system works. A particularly disgusting one (which we won't forget) involved drinks, bread and a pair of tights!



As part of harvest and thinking about healthy eating, Mrs Porter harvested some of the vegetables which we had grown in our middle yard planter. There was plenty of garlic and onions which we added to carrots and potatoes and used to make a delicious vegetable soup. We developed our peeling, chopping and weighing skills through this DT work and had to work really well as a team in the kitchen.



In other areas of the curriculum we have used our Mersey Park Mindset to work hard and get back into learning. Our school values and Recognition Boards continue to help us aim high in our work and behaviour. Exciting new reading books such as Black Beauty, Jekyll & Hyde and White Fang have got us excited about reading again while VIPERS sessions have helped us to learn about the Anglo-Saxons. We have enjoyed learning and trying out the rules of rounders and rugby in PE and recently, we had a brilliant art day based on the work of the artist Romare Bearden.



We can't wait for next half term!