

Year 3 Autumn Term 2021

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 have liked having more 'normal' routines again! We started the term with lots of lessons to help remind us about how having a growth mindset can help us achieve success.



We have been working hard in all subjects. In literacy lessons, we have been retelling the Rumpelstiltskin story using the 'Talk for Writing' process. We then produced our own reports about a different, much uglier goblin! We have also enjoyed developing our VIPERS reading skills using a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.



Our science topic is 'Humans and other Animals' so we have enjoyed learning the scientific names for the different bones in our bodies. We looked at X-rays of animal skeletons and had to guess which animal the skeleton belonged to. We know why humans and animals need a skeleton and how our muscles work.



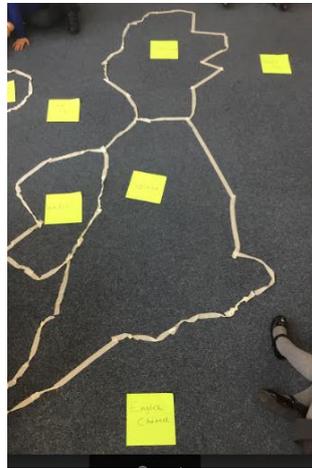
We have also held our annual elections during 'Democracy Week' for important pupil roles within school including the Pupil Community Group representative. Each child had to tell us why we should vote for them to represent our class, then we did a tally of the results before announcing the winner. Look at our shiny new badges! Our newly appointed eco team have been busy planting in our school beds



We have been lucky enough to also start learning Latin in school - how exciting! We are beginning to realise that if we know a little bit of Latin, we can work out the meaning of so many unfamiliar words. We had fun making up brand new inventions using our Latin knowledge. We have been doing lots of place value work in maths. We find the maths equipment and place value charts really helpful.



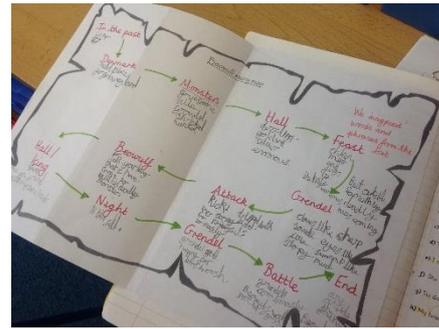
As part of our Unique UK topic, we have been studying maps. We have also been sketching famous UK landmarks and have made group collages of London landmarks. Look at our giant outline of the UK!



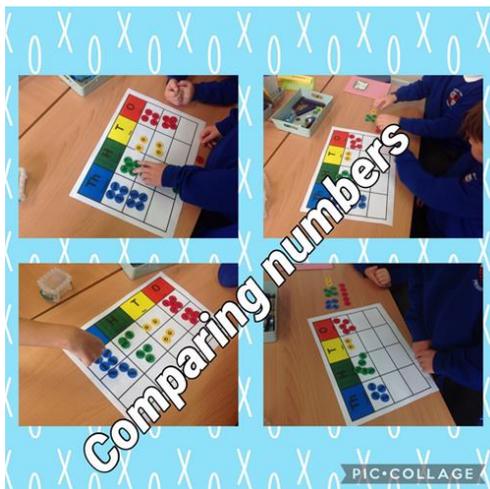
We look forward to the next busy, fun filled half term.

Year 4 Autumn Term 2021

How lovely it was to get back into school and see all our friends! We quickly got started on a fabulous writing unit all about mountain ogres - we let our imaginations run riot! This led nicely on to our study of Beowulf. We are adapting the original story to make our own version with a new hero and villain. We have also learned to use personification in our writing. We are still always on the lookout for new vocabulary and like displaying it on our Word Walls. We also put these words in a special box or pot so we can keep them simmering to remember them!



In maths, we have been using equipment to help us solve some tricky place value challenges. We get lots of time to discuss our work together. Practical maths has also helped us to understand new concepts. We are always busy learning our times tables - we know how important these are in all aspects of maths work.



In Science we have enjoyed learning about our teeth and our digestive system.

We carried out an experiment, using egg shells, to observe the damage that sugary drinks do to our teeth - we were quite shocked by the results! We also made our own sets of teeth from plasticine - looking closely at the shape and size of each tooth. We also got the opportunity to clean and floss our teeth - supervised by Mr Yeowell and Miss Ludgate - we have never cleaned them so thoroughly! We also tried out some great experiments to demonstrate how our digestive system works. A particularly disgusting one (which we won't forget) involved drinks, bread and a pair of tights!



In art lessons, we painted watercolour birds, inspired by a poem we studied from 'The Book of Hope' on National Poetry Day. We have sketched Viking longships and dragon symbols. We then printed our Viking symbols onto fabric using the block printing technique. In history, we have really enjoyed the Anglo-Saxon topic. We particularly liked the session on crime and punishment. Through drama and role play, we showed how 'hue and cry' could be used to alert others of a crime.



As part of harvest festival celebrations and thinking about healthy eating, Mrs Porter helped us to pick 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. We also learned how to be safe in the

kitchen with utensils and a hot stove and also the importance of good food hygiene. We gave our soup the taste test.



In all 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. Some of us have also been lucky enough to receive an 'Over and Above' prize in our weekly awards assembly. We are looking forward to lots of new challenges next half term.

