

## Middle Floor Autumn Term 2023

### Year 3

The year has got off to a great start. A real highlight of this first half term has been a trip to Birkenhead Park. The lovely ranger taught us all about the trees and plants that grow in the park and we also found out about the history of the park during Victorian times. It was a truly great day and we also found the time to explore the new forest school area. Class 3C found an animal skeleton – what an exciting discovery!



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 created our own version of the story using a different character. In maths, we are using practical equipment to help us work with 3-digit numbers. We have been working well in partners and as maths teams.



Our science topic is 'Humans and other Animals' so we have enjoyed learning the scientific names for the different bones in our bodies. We also carried out a fun investigation to see who could grab the most marshmallows.



Ask us about our brains – we are experts! As part of the 'My Happy Mind' programme we have spent many sessions learning about the brain. We learned to use some very fancy scientific words like 'neuroplasticity'. We are now learning about our character and strengths. We record our thoughts, ideas and reflections in our special journals.

In Geography, we have studied famous UK human and physical landmarks. Our Knowledge Organisers and Knowledge Boxes help us to remember important information. Our entry point was a whistle stop tour of the UK- including Irish dancing and Scottish shortbread tasting.









In Maths, we quickly began work on multiplication and times tables. We know that we have to know all our times tables by the end of the year. We have been using equipment to help us solve some tricky place value challenges. We work with big numbers in Year 4! We are also starting to use Roman Numerals.



In Literacy we did a fantastic unit of work based on the Roman story of 'Romulus and Remus'. The Talk for Writing process helped us develop our own ideas and use our imagination. We made puppets to help us act out the story.



In a P4C enquiry we voted and discussed why we sometimes hurt those we love. We tried to expand and build on our own ideas and those of others.



In Science we have enjoyed learning about our teeth and our digestive system. We carried out some great experiments. We looked at the impact on our teeth of milk, fizzy drinks and water using eggshells. We also investigated how the digestive system works. We will certainly remember this yucky one!



Art lessons have included charcoal still life work and mechanical collages inspired by Henri Matisse. We surprised ourselves with what we achieved!



As part of Harvest Festival celebrations and thinking about healthy eating, we worked as a team to make a delicious vegetable soup. We developed our peeling, chopping and weighing skills and also learned how to be safe in the kitchen with utensils and a hot stove. Everyone enjoyed tasting it with warm, crusty bread. Thank you to Mrs Smith for helping us make our soup and to the PTA for buying new equipment for us to use when cooking.



We have particularly loved learning in our Outdoor classroom. The phonics bridge was great fun. We also used it to order numbers and it's always a great space for story time.



What a fabulous start to the year! Our Mersey Park Mindset and school values always help us along the way. In Year 4, we always aim to have healthy bodies and minds.

