



Class 4 Newsletter

Spring Term - 10/03/2017



Extreme English Week

Last week, we had **Extreme English Week** and we were incredibly Extreme! On Monday we created our own crosswords arranging words from our spellings into a puzzle then using dictionaries to help us with the clues. On Tuesday, we applied our **English** and **Maths** skills, creating treasure maps then writing sets of instructions to find the treasure we 'buried'. On Wednesday, we combined **English** and **Science** to create a non-fiction information poster about the teeth in the human body. The children were fully in control of their challenge and increased and decreased the difficulty when appropriate. We also had the privilege of having a visit from local author **Barry Durham**. He read the manuscript for a new 'Figaro, the Cat Detective' novel and set us the task of creating the illustrations for his new novel. We also used thesaurus to help us describe different foods and created **Word Art**. We enjoyed a series of round robin activities that included writing the next chapter of a story, learning about Haiku poetry and many other fantastic experiences. We set about on Friday creating the **illustrations** for Barry Durham's novel.

This Week

In **Maths**, we have extended our coordinate knowledge and even translated ourselves (being the coordinates) outside! In **English**, we have written a story about an adventurous chick (linking into our hatching experience) as well as focussing on the necessary grammar for non-fiction writing. In **RE**, we looked at the relationship between Jesus and his disciples and the trust they share. Our **Science** focus was on the digestive system and how each of the parts interact with each other. In **PE**, we enjoyed a taster session on cheerleading with SportsCool Fitness. In **Computing**, we have continued our coding unit using the software Scratch. We are becoming more confident in using the software applying blocks of code to control sprites independently.

Next Week...

English: Non-fiction writing - focus on SPaG features

Maths: Fractions

Science: Teeth hygiene, looking at the sugary content in drinks

RE: Looking at the event of the Last Supper

Homework & Talk Time

The children have some **spellings** that they need to practise. Year 4 have **gue** and **que** words; Year 5 have **split digraphs**.

The written homework is a **coordinates exercise** where children need to plot coordinates and translate them; they also have a **crossword** to complete.

They also have some **Science research** on **sugar content in drinks** to set them up for their work on Wednesday.

Important Dates

Sat 11th Mar: St Christopher's Youth Club for 10-14s, 7-8:30pm, £2 subs

Mon 13th Mar: Coordinates, crossword and Science research homework due in

Thurs 16th Mar: Open Door from 3:15 to 3:45pm

Fri 17th Mar: Swimming for Y4 children

Thurs 21st Mar: Year 4 Day Visit to Borwick Hall

Thurs 23rd Mar: Sing Together concert

Fri 24th Mar: Non-uniform for PTA tombola

Fri 24th Mar: Year 5 Adult Learning for Maths at 1:15-3:15

Thurs 30th Mar: Parents' Evening at 3:30-5pm and 6-7pm

Fri 31st Mar: Springo Bingo 6-8pm @ St Bernard's

Wed 5th Apr: Finish for Easter at 2pm

Extreme English Awards

The **Year 4 writing award** went to **Alex MacKenzie** for his committed attitude in Science.

The **Year 5 reading award** went to **Millie Broderick** for her exceptional Haiku work.

The **Year 5 writing award** went to **Jake Bennett** for a thorough Scientific poster.

Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **Courage** is **Jessica Raddings**, for making good choices and concentrating on their work when others around them might distract them.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Adam Wignall** for outstanding work in coordinates and for excellent enthusiasm in his Sing Together work.

Star Writer: Jake Kellett

Outstanding Behaviour

The children this week that have modelled outstanding behaviour 3 or more times are:

Emilee, Freya, Oliver, Owen, Russell, Emily, Alex, Jessica, Jake B, Millie, Callum, Brenda, Hollie, Keira, Alyssa, Aimee, Ruby, Lewis, Annie, Nicola, Finnlay, Tyler T, Tyler V, Adam

As always, you can come and talk to me about your child's progress either at the end of school, or you can arrange an appointment at d.bateman@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk

Due to changes in staff planning time, my Open Door HAS CHANGED and is now on Thursday afternoons from 3:15-3:45pm.

Mr Bateman