

Year 4 Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 11th November, 2024

Roman Day

On Tuesday, Year Four had their Roman Day. We had such a wonderful day with Mr Upton, a historian and parent volunteer who took his time out of work to come and teach the children about the Romans. Their favourite part of the day was recreating the tortoise formation on the playground using shields and soft balls as pretend weapons!

In the afternoon, the children created catapults using elastic bands and lolly pop sticks. The class had great fun and they all learnt lots of new facts about the Romans. Thank you for their wonderful costumes- they really did look fantastic.





All the activities that the children participated in this week are detailed below:

With Mrs Burling and Mrs Millar, on Monday, the class have completed their times tables test, reading comprehension, Remembrance Day poems based on poppies, word searches and other activities based on Remembrance Day.

On Tuesday, the children went into Year 5 to learn their Nativity song in the morning. They watched a video on the Day in the Life of a Roman child and a video on Ancient Rome. They learnt about the breakfast eaten by Ancient Romans and they discovered that Romans invented socks!

Some of the wonderful activities the children participated in on Roman Day were a question and answer session on Roman life (to their surprise, the children discovered that the Hollywood version of events is not entirely accurate!); studying Roman coins and mosaic floors; trying on a life-size replica of a Roman helmet; studying pictures of Roman battle scenes (including some from our local area because the Romans landed in Kent to invade Britain!); learning how to wear a toga and wage battles against each other in the tortoise formation.

The children also made catapults out of lolly sticks, elastic bands and spoons and fired tin foil balls at Mr Upton and Mrs Millar.

The children have typed up some lovely letters to thank Mr Upton for his visit.

At the end of the day the children practised their first Nativity song in the hall with the rest of the KS2 children.

We are very grateful to Mrs Burling and Mrs Millar for covering planned lessons this week. In preparation for Parents' Consultations, Miss Courtney and Mrs Pattanshetti also met with Mrs Newington and other staff to discuss the children's progress so far this year.

RE

In RE, we studied the Gospels in the Bible closely. The children have been comparing John's gospels to the synoptic gospels. We noted the key words that appear in the opening verses of the gospels to study the different perspective of the authors.



Spellings

There will be a change in the way we cover spellings from now on. All of the spellings on the weekly list will be taught and discussed in class. But the children will be tested on **only ten** of the most relevant words. Children are more than welcome to learn all the spellings, as they can use them in their writing tasks. But the shorter test will help us to focus on key words from the list.

Please talk to Mrs Pattanshetti if you have further questions.

This week's spellings are as follows:

per h aps	press u re	re c ent
pop u lar	prob a bly	reg u lar
posit i on	prom i se	re i gn
poss e ss(ion)	pur p ose	rem e mber
poss i ble	qu a rter	sent e nce
potat o es	quest i on	separ a te

Spellings to learn for the test are:

1. perhaps
2. recent
3. popular
4. probably
5. promise
6. remember
7. possible
8. quarter
9. sentence
10. question



Fun games with
balloons on the
occasion of Children in
Need!





Reverse Advent Calendar

Please refer to the Headteacher's Newsletter for details of the reverse advent calendar.

This is the Year 4 reverse advent with the children's initials. The children have been sent home with a paper copy of this sheet.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to one of us. Thank you.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Courtney, Mrs Pattanshetti, Mrs Burling and Mrs Millar 😊