

Maths

We have been building our confidence, revisiting and reinforcing our place value and number skills. We have tackled some tricky problem solving and are learning to work systematically through our challenges.



Autumn Term in Year 4



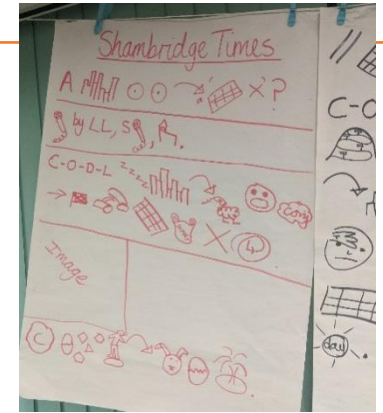
Science

The term of investigations! We have been studying 'States of Matter' this term. There have been many things we have wanted to investigate so we have learned the importance of fair-testing and how we can do it right. We have investigated melting points, the weight of air and even proved that air is a material.



English

What fun we have had writing Newspaper reports, adventure stories, character descriptions and setting descriptions. We are becoming confident using many different types of clauses and phrases!



Art

We have been looking at the formal elements of art this term. This includes thinking about texture, tone, pattern, colour, line and shape. We have explored these elements through the use of charcoal, play dough printing, polystyrene printing, watercolours and pencil.



Geography

We have been focused on the topic, 'Where on Earth are we?' We have built great confidence using the atlases to locate countries, continents and oceans. We have also learned all about lines of longitude and latitude which we can use to work out where we are on Earth – using coordinates. We can explain why we have day and night and why some places have 24hrs of light or darkness at certain times of the year! Our own globes demonstrate some of the knowledge we have gained – including the IDL.



RE

This term we have been learning all about different festivals. We have looked at: Diwali, Vaisakhi and Christmas; and Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity. We have considered why these festivals take place, what happens at them and the symbolisms. We have also needed to consider if and how they have changed over time and how they may have changed this year due to the government's restrictions.

We have loved our class worship 'iSing Pop' especially the dancing!



PE

We have enjoyed developing our skills skipping and in basketball and hockey! We are building technique and accuracy as well as making sure we are raising our heart-rate to stay fit.

We also had an amazing visit from Mrs Wrangham who did a fantastic athletics workshop with us.



Mental Health Awareness and Children in Need

The children showed amazing support and empathy as they developed their understanding of these charities. They considered how they can make themselves and others feel better when they are not feeling great. Year 4 completed beautiful love hearts to display so everyone knows who to go to if they need cheering up.

Computing – Online Safety

We have been learning all about online safety this term. We have looked at scam emails, 'phishing', plagiarism, malware, computer viruses and cookies. It has been interesting to see the kinds of things that can happen just from downloading one wrong app and we know how important it is to always ask an adult for help when we are unsure but we now know some of the tricks to look out for!



A virtual visit from Steve Skidmore!

We have been so lucky to be able to speak with Steve Skidmore this term. He couldn't come into our classroom but we got to ask him lots of questions online. We found out all about how he became an author, what he finds tricky about writing and what his favourite parts are. He told us all about his books and even ended up covered in custard!

Mindfulness

This term we have had the opportunity to take part in weekly mindfulness lessons which has helped us to develop our resilience, determination and reminds us how to stay calm in challenging situations. Our favourite part was the mindful eating and movement!



PSHE

In PSHE we have been learning all about our health and wellbeing. We have reflected on all the positive experiences we have had during our lockdown and any nerves we had for coming back to school. We have considered what a physically and mentally health-style looks like and how this can help us.

