

Autumn 2022

Curriculum Review - Class Four



What a first term we've had! The children have really worked their socks off: Y5 have coped very well with the transition into 'the big class' and Y6 children are enjoying their new roles and responsibilities as the oldest children in the school.

Curriculum

Our expedition this term has taken us on a grand tour of South America and back in time to the Stone Age (we will continue with the Iron Age and Bronze Age after Christmas). The children know so much about the continent of South America already and we may have a few budding quiz stars of the future among us! In science, we have explored how the human body changes over time and then moved onto the reproduction of plants. Our daily retrieval practice is really aiding to cement their knowledge in all subjects into the long-term memory.



Children enjoying making 3D topographical maps of South America.

Our lovely twinnies brought in their baby scans as part of our science work: look how much they've grown!



House Captain Election

Back in September, we held our elections for House Captains. We were so impressed with the courage shown by all nominees as they stood in front of their entire house team and delivered their speech! Congratulations to Ellie, Sophia, Zach and Jack for securing these positions and also to our Y5 Vice-Captains: Lydia, Imogen, Poppy and Jacob.



Buddies

One of the most exciting parts of Y6 is becoming a buddy to a new pupil. I have been so proud of the children and the way in which they have undertaken their new roles. What wonderful role models!



Some snaps of some of our Y6 children with their buddies. Some seem to be enjoying their time in EYFS a little too much!

Sporting Events

In November, the whole class went to represent the school at the indoor athletics competition. We were extremely proud of the children who represented the school in cross country also. Imogen and Howard then went on to represent Darlington at the Tees Valley competition! Well done you two!



Shakespeare: Twelfth Night

Noah, Austin, Jack, India and Imogen were selected to rehearse and perform with the Royal Shakespeare Company in October which was an amazing experience that will stay with them for a lifetime! The whole class then went to watch the performance and had a wonderful time! Thank you to all of the volunteers who came into school for the bunting-making event: it really enhanced the performance!



Fundraising

At the end of March, in the run up to Easter, we are planning to take the children on a trip to *York's Chocolate Story* which will link to our history and geography curriculum. As with everything else, the price of a coach has increased dramatically. The children discussed some fundraising ideas to help with the cost of the trip and I would like to really thank you all for your support with these events so far!

Movie Night : Just before October Half Term, children donned their onesies, oodles and blankets to watch the Disney Pixar film *Up* after school with hotdogs, popcorn and other movie snacks

Christmas Cards: Thank you for all of your Christmas card orders. The children worked really hard on these and it took Miss Park hours of printing, trimming and folding!

Coffee, Cake and Carols: On the 7th December, we really enjoyed welcoming families to this event. The children worked really hard and sang beautifully. We hope that you enjoyed the lovely cakes and singing!



We are pleased to share that we have made over £450 so far!

Santa Dash and Christmas Jumper Day

The children had a fabulous day at the Santa Dash in their Christmas jumper. A special shout out must go to our fabulous Sports Leaders for organising and running the event!

