

# Spring 2023



## Curriculum Review - Class Four

This has been an extremely busy term in Class 4 and has flown over in the blink of an eye! In the first half of the term, we had the pleasure of having our student teacher Miss Daly working with us. More recently, we've welcomed Mrs Iannotti back to work with Year 5.

### Curriculum

In our South America topic this term we have covered the following and will be continuing with some of this after SATS:

**Writing:** The children have written a range of texts linked to our topic:

Created a guidebook on how to survive in the Amazon

Maya Folktale

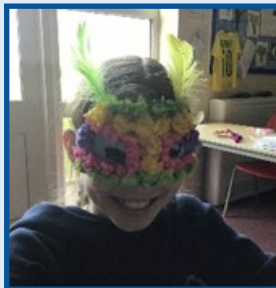
Biographies of famous South Americans

An explanation text of how chocolate is made from the bean to the bar.

**Geography:** Children developed a deep understanding of Fair Trade with a particular focus on Fair Trade production of chocolate in South America. We really enjoyed inviting parents into school for our *Fair Trade Fortnight* assembly too!

**History:** After February half term, we began our topic on the ancient Maya. The children have a sense of how this period relates to previous periods studied in history, they know the key Maya city states and the typical features of these cities. On number day, they particularly enjoyed learning about this civilisation's ancient number system! We still have so much to learn about this exciting period in ancient history!

**DT:** With Miss Daly, Class 4 enjoyed learning about the Rio de Janeiro Carnival and designing and making carnival masks. They thought about their design carefully and the aesthetic and functional characteristics that their mask would need before carefully making them and then evaluating the process.



**Science:** In science, children have been studying evolution and inheritance. They particularly enjoyed learning more about the theories of Charles Darwin and carrying out an investigation into how birds' beaks have adapted according to their diet.



**Shakespeare:** The children began to explore Macbeth during *Shakespeare Week* and we hope to continue with this after the Easter break. The week began with the children discovering a crime scene in the classroom (King Duncan's death) which really peaked their interest. We then moved onto drama-based activities looking in particular at the three witches and their prophecies.

## Special Events

The children have been extremely lucky to have been able to have lots of enriching activities in addition to those in the classroom.

**Mayor's Song Contest:** This was such a fantastic experience for all involved. The children wowed the Mayor, the judges and a crowd of hundreds with their rendition of *Deeper Shade of Blue* by Steps and came away with a second-place trophy!



**Science Workshop:** As part of some outreach work from Yarm School, we were very fortunate to have Dr Craig delivering a wonderfully fun and informative physics workshop to our class!



**Trip to York:** What a fantastic time we had!!! The children enjoyed themselves immensely at the *York Chocolate Story* seeing how chocolate is made, making chocolate lollies and learning more about the Maya and their chocolate past

## Sports Events

**Judo Dan:** As always, the children had a fantastic session with Judo Dan and many expressed an interest to carry on with judo out of school.

**Football:** Over the term, our budding footballers have been showing their skills on the pitch out of school. The girls had a wonderful time at the girls' football festival and the boys were expertly coached by Mr Stonehouse for their tournament (unfortunately no photos of the boys).

