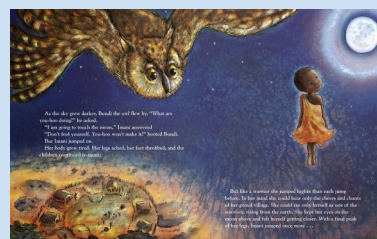
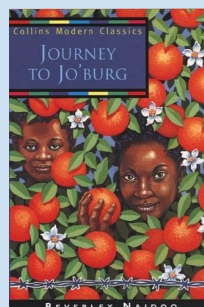
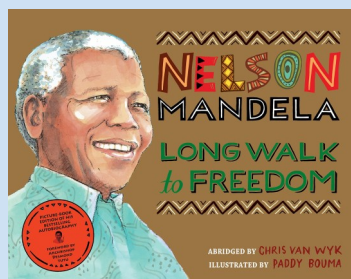


Curriculum Review–Spring Term 2023

Class Three

The term began with a historical based topic on Nelson Mandela and the rules of apartheid. During this half term the children heard his story and put events in chronological order of time.

We used three main texts to develop fictional writing, poetry, diary entries and a biography of Nelson Mandela. These texts included Journey to Jo'Burg, Long Walk to Freedom and Imani's Moon.



This was followed by our local area study which is still ongoing. The children learned that England is divided into nine regions and within these the land is divided into counties. Human and physical landmarks within the different counties of the North East were identified and the children expressed an interest in finding out more about these landmarks. Do you all recognise which local landmark Lola and her sister were photographed at?



In science, the children have covered two topics. We started the year learning about teeth and the digestive system. Knowledge of the different organs and their functions proved a popular topic. Rory and Olivia made an excellent model of the digestive system using the marble run in after school club. States of matter was our second topic and the children learned about the different characteristics of solids, liquids and gases. Experiments included testing the viscosity of ketchup to know that not all liquids behave in the same manner and changing the state of a solid to a liquid. We have many budding scientists in Class 3—I wonder if this could be a potential job for some?

Sporting events this term have included taking the whole class to a dodgeball competition at the Dolphin Centre and sixteen children being selected to represent High Coniscliffe Primary School at the Darlington Dance Festival at the Hippodrome. The children helped choregraph the freestyle element of the dance in the absence of Mrs Devlin and their dance represented empathy for all those that are suffering in world conflict today. Two very different dance genre were selected to create an explosion of what freedom can and should look like. Dedication and commitment to the dance was shown by each dancer and once again our children did us very proud to represent our school on stage at the annual dance festival. Nerves back stage and excitement was felt ten fold.





Judo Dan paid us a visit and led a taster session for us in the school hall. I wonder if any of Class Three decide that this could be a club for them to attend?

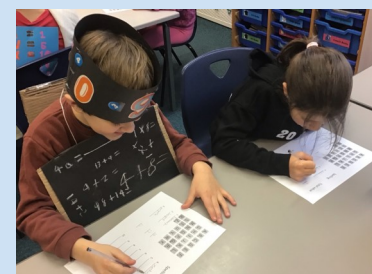
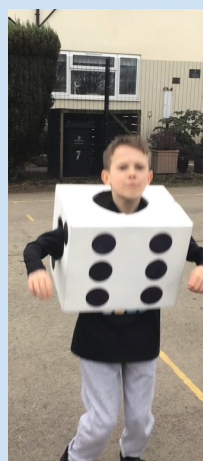
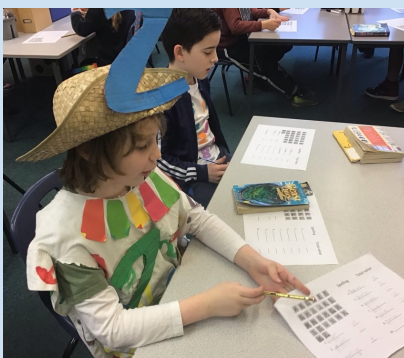
Our class has continued to make excellent progress in their weekly swimming lessons. Breathing techniques to increase swimming stroke pace has been mastered by a few, some can now swim 25 metres on their front and back, others have managed to reduce their floatation aids and all are now extremely water confident! Using the large apparatus in PE required confidence and strength and some amazing shapes and balances were held on these.



The children were encouraged to wear a splash of red or come in head to toe red to support Comic Relief 2023. The school raised a total of just over £120 for this charity,

Rory and Freya received a nomination for a golden token and this was celebrated in our Friday whole school house team assembly with parents from both children being able to join us. We look forward to further children being nominated next term.

Number day was a big hit and the ideas around this theme for costumes really got everyone excited about numbers.



Our Christian value of 'Wisdom' provided opportunities to share our wise words of wisdom. Freya, Ethan and Roux represented these words beautifully with the home learning, above and beyond grid task.