

Autumn 1 - Year 4

What a busy first half term we have had in Year 4! Well done on a super start to the year! It has been great to get back into learning and seeing each other again.

English

We started off our English this half term with poetry. We learned the poem 'If I had Wings' by Pie Corbett. We rehearsed the poem, created actions and performed it in groups to our peers. We then created our own version of the poem called 'If I had fins'. We focussed on using prepositional phrases in our poems.

Following this, we moved onto our picture book 'Jumanji' by Chris Van Allsburg. We thought about other board games that we know and played some of these to give us inspiration to design and create our own board games. We played them with our friends and wrote instructions for how to play, using fronted adverbials. We also wrote a diary entry, imagining that we were one of the characters in the story and explaining what happened during our day, using subordinating conjunctions. Finally, we finished off by writing a non-chronological report about lions, using facts that we have found from our research.

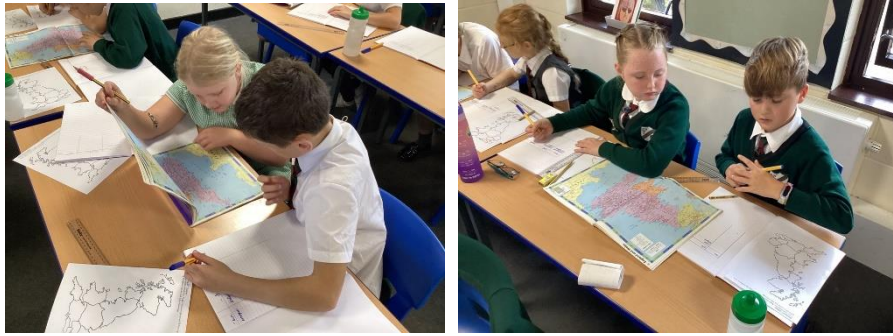


Maths

In Maths, we have been developing our knowledge of place value. We have been developing our understanding of numbers to 1,000 and 10,000 by representing and partitioning them. We have also learned how to estimate numbers on a number line up to 10,000 and order and compare numbers. Finally, we have been very resilient in our learning about rounding and we have learned a rounding rhyme to help us. We have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

History

We have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. So far, we have learned some key facts about why, where and when the Anglo-Saxons and Scots invaded Britain and how this continued from when the Romans left. We have learnt about the 7 different kingdoms, and identified how some place names in Britain were influenced by the Anglo-Saxons. We have learnt about Anglo-Saxon villages and have enjoyed making comparisons with our own lives.



Geography

We have recapped our knowledge on the continents and oceans of the world and have been identifying the Equator, Northern and Southern Hemispheres of the world. We have been using globes to identify these. We have also learned about Longitude and Latitude and learnt how these help us to identify coordinates. We have identified the coordinates of countries and continents using maps, atlases and globes and are able to follow coordinates.



Science

We have been learning all about Sound. We have identified sounds in different environments and thought about how different sounds are made. We have learnt about 'Vibrations' and how sound is created when particles vibrate. We wrote a non-chronological text about how we hear sounds and what happens in our ears so that we can hear them. We have also learnt about 'Pitch' and sound waves and we drew sound waves for different sounds. Finally, we have conducted an investigation into pitch.



Art

In Art we have been looking at the Renaissance period and finding inspiration from artists such as 'Leonardo Da Vinci' and 'Michelangelo', focusing particularly on sculptures. Following this inspiration, we have designed and created our own sculptures using tin foil and clay.



What a busy half term it's been!
Well done for your hard work, Year 4!