

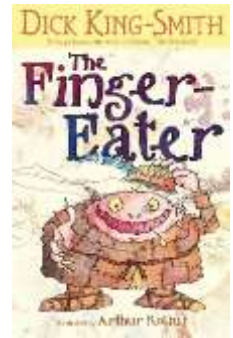
Year 4 Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 30th September, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

English

This week with Miss Courtney, Year Four began reading 'The Finger Eater' by Dick King-Smith. This book tells the tale of a finger-eating troll who gets his comeuppance thanks to the ingenuity of Gudrun, a maiden of the reindeer people. It recalls the Irish folk tale of Oona and the Giant Cuchulain. The children created character descriptions and wanted posters based on Ulf the troll.



Last week, children were taught subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions in their SPaG lesson. This week, they were encouraged to use them in their descriptive writing. We watched a humorous short film called 'Catchit' and then described the events of the story, focussing on the use of a wide variety of conjunctions to make the narrative interesting to the

reader.

Maths

At the beginning of the week, Year Four were finding 1, 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less than a number with up to four digits. Using base 10, place value counters and plain counters in a place value chart supported their understanding, particularly when multiples of 10/100/1,000 were crossed.

Towards the end of the week, we continued consolidating our addition and subtraction skills using the formal written methods. The children are now using increasingly complex numbers to apply the rules of addition (*carry-overs*) and subtraction (*exchanging*) to get accurate answers.

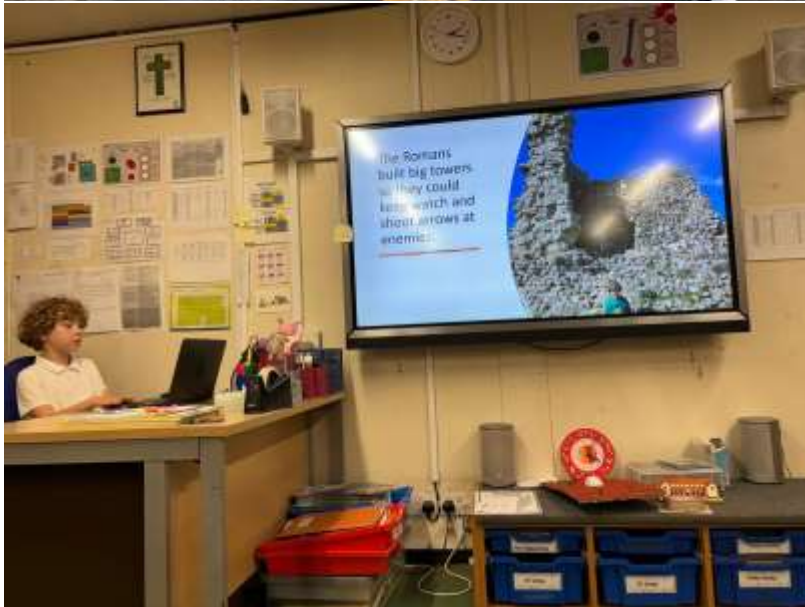
History

In History, the children learnt all about the Roman god and goddesses. We played a game of Top Trumps to learn the names of the popular gods/goddesses. Year Four enjoyed playing this fun game to discover their special powers, appearance and characteristics. After this, we created our own gods or goddesses based on ourselves.



Projects

In the afternoons, the children presented their projects to the rest of the class. They truly are fantastic- a big well done to all of them for their hard work and amazing efforts. If your child created a model, they will be on display in the KS2 building until the end of Term 2.





RE

On Thursday, the Jewish people celebrated the festival of Rosh Hashanah. We learnt that Jewish people believe that the world was created on this day. The children linked this to the Creation story in the Bible. The children learnt the significance of a Shofar (an instrument made out of ram's horn), pomegranates, challah bread, honey and apples to the celebrations of this festival.

Geography

This week, the children studied the importance of Rotterdam as a port city located on the river Rhine. They also compared Rotterdam to Cologne.



Spellings

These are the spellings for the next week.

Reminder

Thursday, the 10th of October is World Mental Health Day. The children are invited to wear something yellow to mark the occasion.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Courtney, Mrs Pattanshetti,
Mrs Burling and Mrs Millar 😊

young	courage	cousins
touch	encourage	enough
double	colour	nourish
trouble	couple	countries
country	southern	rough
cousin	doubling	touched