

Year 4 Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 2nd December, 2024

English



On Monday, Year Four finished reading *The Iron Man*. Lots of us were surprised by the ending and found that it was very different to our own predictions. We have started looking at newspaper articles this week as we get ready to write our own, based on the story of the Iron Man.

Newspapers are designed to share important information with people about what is going on in the world. We discovered that newspapers include features like headlines, quotations, captions, fact/ opinion and they are written in past tense form.



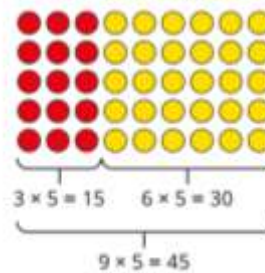
The first paragraph should contain all of the 5Ws - what, where, when, who and why. We used the 5Ws to do some hot seating on Tuesday, where children acted as journalists, asking questions to the Iron Man and Hogarth.



Maths

We have continued work on multiplication and division this week. With Miss Courtney, Year Four practised their 9 times tables on Tuesday. They applied their knowledge to word problems and reasoning challenges. On Wednesday, we worked on the 3, 6- and 9-times tables once more to really solidify our learning so far. The children had to make links between these times-tables to deepen their understanding and embed fluency. This was done by exploring the structure of the times-tables using resources such as arrays and hundred squares, as well as via tasks that required children to reason and explore number facts to look for structural patterns.

- Dora has made an array to show 9×5



I can see that 9 lots of 5 is equal to 3 lots of 5 plus 6 lots of 5



Draw and label an array to show that $9 \times 4 = 3 \times 4 + 6 \times 4$

- What does the bar model show about the connection between the 3 times-table and the 9 times-table?

3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9

- Tommy has 9 bags of 6 apples.

Write a multiplication to find the total number of apples.

Write the fact family for this multiplication.

RE

We had invited Reverend Kelly to our class this week to answer some of our questions regarding the topic we are currently studying – Incarnation.

The children came up with some deep and thoughtful questions about The Holy Trinity, incarnation of Jesus Christ, importance of Christmas, the differences between the Gospels, and most importantly, how Christians show their beliefs about God in the way they live. Rev Kelly explained how scientific knowledge and faith in God can go hand in hand. The children also asked Rev Kelly about her personal experiences that led her to become a vicar.

Rev Kelly answered each and every question with patience, empathy and compassion! We were very grateful to her for sparing the time for us, particularly during this busy time of the year!





On Friday, the children had a fantastic time watching the Nativity at Leybourne Grange Riding School. All the children behaved beautifully. We ended the week with a joyous festive spirit!

Important dates for next week

Wednesday 11th December: Last chance to order Christmas lunches.

Thursday 12th December: Woodland Learning in the morning.

KS2 Dress Rehearsal (to school) in the afternoon.

Have a great weekend!

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