

Year 4 Newsletter 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents,

This week the children took part in a small Act of Worship to the rest of the school teaching about how littering and not recycling can affect our world. They enjoyed acting and singing, whilst ensuring that a serious message was being given to the rest of the children.

In maths this week, the children found improper and mixed number fractions a challenge. We spent all of this week focusing on them and converting between the two. We will re-cap this at various stages across the year, to ensure that the children are secure in their understanding. Some children stayed focused on finding equivalent fractions.

This week in class, we had an election. The children are enjoying hearing the story of a boy who accidentally becomes the Prime Minister. In small groups, the children came up with sensible ideas of changes they would introduce to people's lives if they were running the country. They thought about this in great detail and there were a couple of planning sessions to allow the children to rehearse a manifesto presentation to the rest of the class. On Thursday, the children voted for their favourite party and the 'Party Minions' won. This means that they get to teach a lesson of their choice next week. We look forward to this.

In PE, the children are showing some fantastic netball skills and we have even managed to move onto playing some mini games. Each week, I am introducing some new rules to the game and hopefully by the end of this term, they will be playing some proper matches against each other.

The children really enjoyed their geography lesson this week on tourism. I was impressed with their understanding of why tourism is important to holiday destinations in this country and abroad. The children could differentiate between what tourism is and what being a tourist means. They particularly liked telling me what their favourite things about visiting the seaside are and singing 'Beside the Seaside' with me.

Don't forget, next week we have our DT day and the children should have brought in, or be bringing in their resources to make either an Anglo-Saxon settlement, or a home. The children may wear their own clothes, but please make sure they are clothes that you don't mind them getting glue or paint on. The children will be wearing painting shirts, but with a whole day of DT, I can't guarantee they won't have some evidence of this on their clothes. 😊

Mrs Ward and Mrs Phillips

18 spellings:

Accidentally, actually, address, answer, appear, arrive, believe, bicycle, breath, breathe, build, busy, business, calendar, caught, centre, century, certain.

7 spellings:

Time, line, fine, mine, make, take, wake.