

A MESSAGE FROM YEAR FOUR



This has been a fantastic term in Year 4 and the children have really settled down into being responsible, grown-up learners.

We have continued our topic of The Tudors and taken it further by learning about explorers and other important Tudor figures. This has included Sir Frances Drake and the renowned playwright, William Shakespeare! We also became explorers ourselves when we went on an expedition up Southwick Hill with a National Trust ranger. We learned that the area is protected so when they built the A27, they had to dig through the hill to make the Southwick Tunnel instead of cutting through it. We also learned about the natural habitats of the local birds.

We have read two books this term, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'My Other Life.' Both stories inspired some fabulous writing. The magical fairy kingdom of A Midsummer Night's Dream was the setting of our own mystical journey through the woods and discovering a place full of magic and wonder. 'My Other Life' explores an alternative life through a swirling portal. The children planned out their very own portal story! The children thought carefully about how to make their writing exciting and descriptive. We were really impressed with the stories they produced and enjoyed reading them.

In science, the children started to observe ice poles closely and predicted what might happen to them during the day. Every two hours, we checked them by weighing them and measuring their temperature. By home time, our ice hands had all melted and there was nothing but a puddle of liquid! This investigation was our starting point for learning about solids, liquids and gases. Perhaps your children could find example of solids, liquids and gases in their home?



For RE, the children enjoyed the assembly where Father David visited us and explained the Nativity Story further for us. We also learned that there are many connections to the Old Testament followed in Judaism.

The children have continued to amaze us with their times table dedication. They all join in brilliantly with the class counting stick and it has been really impressive to see their progress on TTRS. The children are beginning to work up the levels and we have seen many awarded with 'Rock Hero' this half term. Keep up the hard work, Year 4!



... The Year 4 Team