

A MESSAGE FROM YEAR FOUR

The Year 4 children have had a fantastic and engaging half term, showing great enthusiasm across all areas of their learning. Our new topic, *Up, Up and Away*, has really captured the children's imagination, as it focuses on journeys and exploring destinations around the world. This has linked brilliantly with our class reading text, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, which the children have been completely absorbed in. They have shown a real love for the story, having thoughtful discussions and making predictions as the plot unfolds.

We launched our topic with an exciting "Stunning Start." The children explored the idea of travelling the world and shared where they would go if they could visit anywhere. They then carried out their own research into different countries and created beautiful pieces of artwork inspired by exotic locations. These were proudly used to design and decorate their Learning Journal covers, which look fantastic and reflect the children's creativity.

Our learning across the curriculum has also been meaningfully linked through the theme of bees. The children discovered the important role bees play in our ecosystem and learned about the dangers they face due to pesticides. This inspired some incredibly powerful persuasive letter writing, where the children expressed their views with passion and maturity, encouraging action to protect these vital creatures.

Ash Class have been especially fortunate this term to take part in weekly skateboarding lessons. These sessions have been a huge success, with children showing determination, resilience and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow each week, and the excitement is clear to hear with comments like, "I can't wait for Tuesday again!" These sessions have been delivered by specialist skateboarding instructors on Tuesday mornings, and we are pleased that Hazel Class will also have the opportunity to take part after the half-term break.

As we move closer to June, this is an important time for practising times tables, as the children prepare for the national Multiplication Check. We have been working hard in school, particularly through Times Table Rock Stars, and would really appreciate your continued support at home in encouraging regular practice. This will make a big difference to the children's confidence and fluency.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

... The Year 4 Team

