

TIGERS



2015-16

GOVERNER'S REPORT

"Hello, welcome to the Tiger's class report. This year had been another exciting and busy year! We have had lots of amazing and wonderful experiences. We all feel that we have learnt a lot this year. We have really enjoyed being part of Mr Moralee and Mrs Gray's class." – James

Roots of empathy

"All year we have learnt about how babies change emotionally and how their bodies grow. We met our baby, Dominik. He was very small when he first came but he is bigger now. At first all he could do was lie and cough; now he can walk small steps, laugh and he even tries to play with us! He loves to shout for 'more' when his Dad feeds him." – Ben – Year

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The Great Fire of Newcastle

Our first topic of the year was 'The Great Fire of Newcastle' we linked our Maths, English and Science to this topic! We discovered the causes and effects of the fire and how it shaped Newcastle and Gateshead into the cities they are today. To supplement this topic we were able to visit the Discovery Museum for a writing workshop on the 'Great Fire'.



James said *"When we went to the Discovery Museum, we left at 9:15am. We got on the mini bus and it took quite a long time. Yet when we got there, everybody was GOBSMACKED! It was so bright and colourful. We all got off the mini bus and walked inside. For our surprise we saw a giant boat! We spent a while in the sections and then we had a little play. Finally we walked out but as we were walking out the fire alarm went off! After that, we had an exciting writing workshop, where we made our very own puppet show of the Great Fire."*



Autumn



Our second topic of the year was 'Autumn'. Here we discovered how our country changes as there season of autumn sets in, the fruits, vegetables and foods that grow in autumn as well as the changes to the weather. We linked this topic to our art work; we developed our sketching skills as well as using pastel chalks. It was fun, we loved

using smudging techniques for effect!

Foad said *"Autumn is cold. Autumn is windy. Autumn is wet. I like*



chalks".



The Stone Age

Our next History topic was the Stone Age. We discovered all about the Stone Age, how they lived, what they ate, what they believed. We found many interesting facts. Jack was amazed that "they didn't even have TVs in the Stone Age!" Mario thought that using spears and arrows to hunt was "pretty scary"!



Road Safety

The year 3 children in the class were given the opportunity to take part in a road safety workshop. Staff from the road safety team discussed with the children how to safely cross the road and how to spot potential dangers before they occur.

Emily said *"We learnt about crossing the road you have to look left and right first. My favourite thing was when we crossed the roads safely. It was fun because we watched all the cars go past"*.



School council

At the start of the year we had an election to choose who our class school councilors would be. The people who wanted to be on school council had to do a speech to say what they would do to help improve our school. Some people made posters. We then went to the gym and voted for one boy and one girl. The school council is an important part of our school as then we can make decisions about different events.



Cinema visit

"We went to the cinema with the rest of Key Stage 2. It was really good and we got to watch a film on the massive screen! We even had snacks too and I enjoyed eating the popcorn. We watched the film called 'Believe', it was about a boy who played football and he liked it and he played for a team with his friends." – Mollie – Year 4

Activelearn Primary

This year we have had access to activelearn primary to support our maths sessions through computing and ICT sessions. We have used the interactive software to help us develop our knowledge of place value, addition, subtraction, division, multiplication and fractions.

Ben particularly enjoyed our sessions, he described them as *"fun and amazing"*.



E-safety - Play-in-a-day

To help develop our understanding of the internet and how to use it safely we were joined by Amy, of play-in-a-day. We used our dramatic skills to help entertain and inform our audience on the things that you must do to stay safe online.



Christmas Party

Alexandra wrote: *"The Christmas was great. We had a fun. The songs were great and the Santa was real because I saw the beard. Still, we got presents. It was books. Well, I got Horrid Hendry book, that was awesome. We had games with song. It was great, everybody was smiling."*



The Anglo Saxons

"After Christmas, our next topic was the Anglo Saxons. Did you know that the Anglo Saxons had a strict social structure with kings, chieftains and peasants? Many Anglo Saxon chiefs were adorned with luxurious items such as golden broaches and plated steel. Despite this, the Anglo Saxons were decent warriors, although, they weren't as fearsome as the nearby Celts, Vikings, or the Romans that came before them"

Fardin - Year 4



Easter

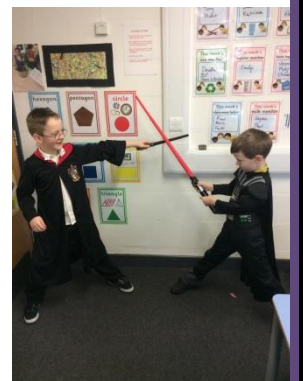
John said "We made Easter nests and it was nice and tasty. Everybody enjoyed making Easter nest. And Alexandra helped me. We even took some home. We all liked it. It was nice".



World Book Day

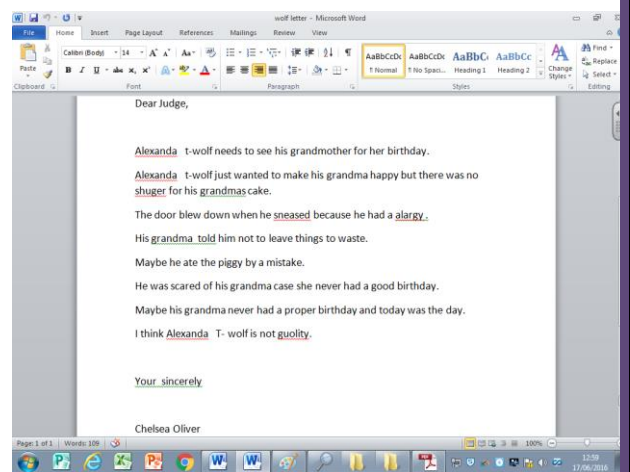


For World Book Day we all came in dressed as our favourite book characters or heroes. We had lots of princesses and superheroes! Katrina thought *"It was a really nice day. I was a princess and I wore a long dress. I think I was Cinderella."*



The 'Trial of Mr Wolf'

In the spring term an acting company came to our school during book week, where they put on a short drama piece on the Trial of Mr Wolf. It linked to our English topic on fairy tales and helped to push our children's writing by giving them an unconventional, modern take on a classic story. As well as providing a platform for our non-fiction writing such as persuasive letters; Chelsea particularly enjoyed this and she wrote a great persuasive letter.



The Stone Age – Play-in-a-day

We were re-joined this year by Amy from play-in-a-day later in the year. This time our focus was on the Stone Age.

After the event, Thomas wrote this, in-role, as a caveman: *"My name 'Thomas the Caveman'. I discover fire. I cook my food with fire. I no have language like you yet. But we talk and develop simple language. We paint on cave wall to show friend story. Many of us die out. With big predator like sabre-tooth cats and killer mammoths to put us in danger. To catch food we use arrow and spear. We smart. We think of trap for mammoth. Lead silly mammoth right off cliff. Cut up carcass with flint blade. Dry out meat in sun and smoke. Last for a long time now. We need to eat plant too. Otherwise we die. Female collect plant, man hunt animal. This is the way of us"* – Thomas – Year 4



Enterprising Cobblers

The year 4s in the class took part in the enterprising cobblers competition as part of Enterprise week. Where they had to design, make and model shoes, using a limited budget and equipment.

Andrei was so impressed with the activity that he decided to write a poem in Romanian and then translate it back to English using a computer! :

"The tigers, dolphin, elephant, all.

We made shoes out of fabric

And sponges.

Using people, sizes and materials and spoonheads.

Katrina is modelling,

My group is my Mollie, Katrina, Chloe, Samya.

There is 4 groups and I am dancing,

Walking, talking, Prancing

Lots of adults helping. "

Enterprising Houses

The year 3s were able to take part in the Enterprising Houses competition, where the children had to design, build and make a model village using paper. The children needed to work successfully as a team to complete the task, using skills that they had developed throughout the year (and Enterprise Week in particular).



PE

This year, we have been working with Ian and Mr Moralee in our PE sessions. We have covered a range of skills and sports this year, from gymnastics to athletics to hockey to cricket. We have improved our core skills this year in all areas, such as movement, hand-eye coordination, balance and teamwork.





World Maths day

To celebrate World Maths Day the Year 3/4 classes took part in a Top Trumps tournament. *"We had to think about the value of the number that we were choosing. Then decide whether it was greater or smaller than our friend's. We looked at reading big numbers out aloud. I won our class competition and was able to face the champion from another class."* – Chelsea – Year 4



Exciting events yet to come

Despite this year being jam packed with exciting and motivating activities we have even more events to come over the remaining weeks!

I am so proud of the children and the progress that they have made this year. They continue to make me proud as they develop into mature and well-rounded children. The effort and work ethic of the class is amazing, they value hard work and love to reap the benefits from it. The children have developed a tight and strong bond, which continues to grow as each day passes. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with the children in my class. I am confident that they will continue to grow, hone their skills and most of all, make us proud!