

Year 4

Honey bees

2016-17



We are the Honey bees class. There are 20 children in our class. There are 11 boys and 9 girls. We have all tried our best this year to make this a most exciting year of learning.

Respect week

During our first week of getting to know each other we won respect week. We chose to have a trip to Saltwell Park for the morning.



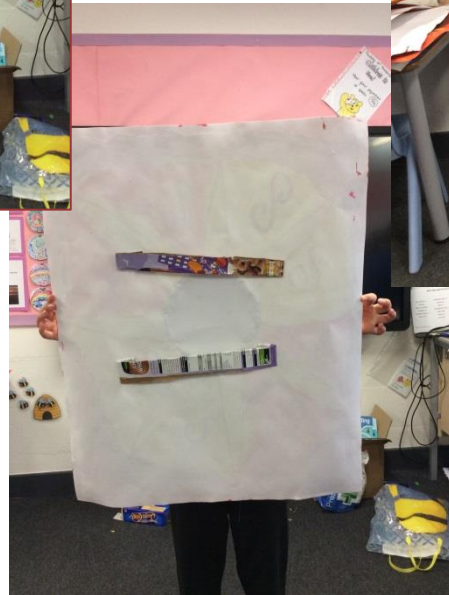
The Romans

Our first topic of the year was the Romans. We thoroughly enjoyed learning a Roman song with Mrs Sinclair. She brought her husband in and we recorded it just like at a sound studio. The song taught us lots of facts about the Romans too.

We also learnt a dance with Dolly to match the Roman song. It was great how our learning all came together.

In design technology we designed and made life sized shields in case we had to go into battle!

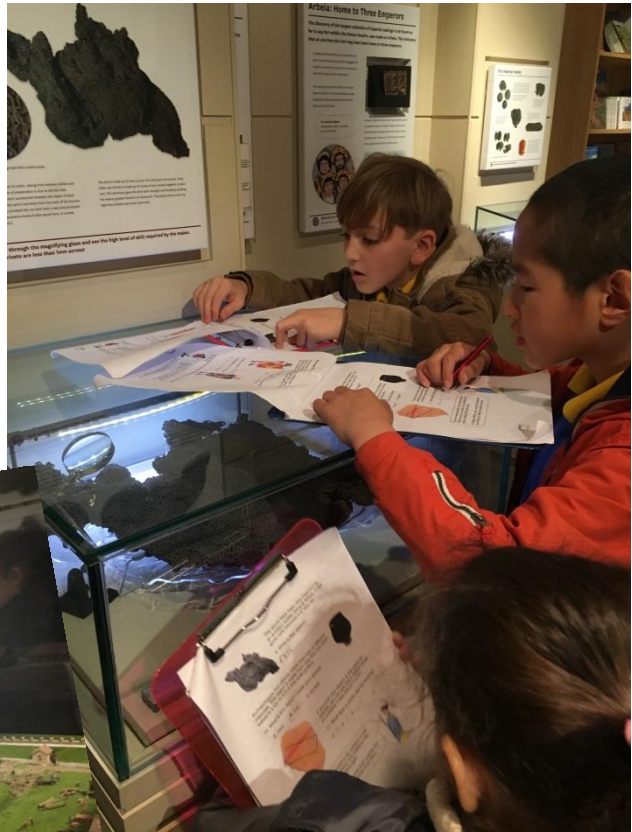




Arbeia

To help us really understand about the Romans we went to Arbeia, an old Roman fort to see archaeological remains and a rebuilt fort.

We liked the idea of lying down to have our dinners.





Our class reader for the term was 'Across the Roman Wall.' It was scary in parts but helped us think about life in the Roman times too.

Seeds for life

We have been involved in the Seeds4Life project. We go three times a year for half a day to do some gardening, a fitness activity and make something healthy to eat.





Charlotte's Web

We enjoyed sharing the book *Charlotte's Web*. We wrote non-chronological reports about spiders. We even got to watch the DVD after we had finished watching the film. We were a little disappointed because the book had a lot more in it than the film did.

We compared the character of Fern at different places in the story.



Many of the class went home to watch the DVD or read the book to try and keep ahead of what we were doing in class. It's the first time Miss Phillipson has known children to be so hooked into a book.

Maths Day with Captain Morgan

Imagine our surprise when Captain Jack Morgan arrived at school having lost his ship. He asked the whole school to help him get back to his ship. To do this we had to solve the maths problems. We also had to make shapes with our teams and this helped us develop our team work.



We were successful in solving the problems.



Respect week 2

Our class won a second respect week and we chose a trip to the soft play. Mr Beechey kindly organised and booked our trip to Round the Twist. An amazing time was had by all and Miss McIver enjoyed going on the slide too.



Author Visit - Mark Carton

During book week we had a visit from the author Mark Carton who has written the book the 'League of Red-nosed Gentlemen.'

He got us to think about how you could look like a detective and got two of us to dress up as detectives.

He left us with an idea for us to choose and write our own story.



Music

We have had lots of opportunities to learn music this year. We spent half of the year learning tin whistle. Mr Brown was our teacher. He helped us to read musical notation, play rhythms and learn songs. We really enjoyed this and Mr Brown was very impressed with us.



We also had the opportunity to do Band in a box and our session was called Bamboo Tamboo. We learnt how to tap large sticks in time to the rhythm, pulse and beat.

European countries

One of our topics this year has been learning about European countries. We used atlases to label them on maps. We found out about different countries flags.

We have learnt more Italian this year with Laura and we have started learning Spanish this year.

MOD pizza

We have learnt about Italy and were able to go to MOD pizza at the metrocentre. We played games, we learnt about the MOD company and we made our own pizzas which we got to eat before returning to school for lunch.



Design Technology and Art

We have had the lovely Mrs Harbottle doing art and design technology with us this year. She has helped us design and make really inventive things like Moving monsters and hand sewn pencil cases.

We pretended we were artists and tried drawing under the table as if we were painting the Sistine chapel in Rome. We enjoyed this but our artwork didn't look amazing!

Moving Monsters



Pencil cases



Hats



Cycle Smart



We all rode bikes safely and carefully with our helmets on. We are now Cycle Smart and have a badge and certificate to prove it.

School council

In October we vote to choose our class representatives to be on school council. Jack and Summer won the class vote. They both got to go to London for the big visit and Hodgkin Park's opening of 'Our room in the park'.





Reece factory

Three year 4 children had the opportunity to visit the Reece factory on Armstrong Road to find out about engineering and how the factory works. We got our photo taken with the Wolf Landmine extractor.



Red Nose Day

School council chose that we should wear something red and decorate biscuits to sell and make popcorn to sell. Our class got the job of making it all to sell. We had a great time and worked in a very organised fashion.



Forest school

Mrs Pickering and Miss Smith have done some Forest School work with us. We really enjoyed being outside and learned different things from being outside of the classroom.

