

Year 4 Summer Update 2022

What an amazing last term we have had together! The children have been working particularly hard on their times table facts and we are so very pleased with all the efforts that they have been making at home and in school. We have applied these facts in our learning on long division and fractions this term. Knowing these facts will help enormously as the children enter upper key stage 2.

In English we have been on many imaginative adventures having read the books *Leon and The Space Between* and *Journey*. Working on descriptive techniques, the children's writing techniques have improved immensely.

Through our mixed media art unit, we have explored sketching Roman busts and ceramic vessels such as amphorae. After this we looked at the ceramic work of Grayson Perry. Inspired by both of these styles we planned, made and evaluated our own clay pot.

During our Historical learning about the Romans, have learnt about the Roman invasion in Britain and what life was like for Roman soldiers. We worked hard on making a replica Roman shield, as a home-learning project, and enjoyed the first-hand experience of being part of the turtle formation with our master pieces, on the field. We also enjoyed our visit to Verulamium Museum where we saw evidence of the Romans in our local area.

In our Science lessons, we have been exploring the changing states of matter through a range of investigations. The children have explored: melting chocolate, ice and butter; different ways to make gas visible and freezing liquids such as ketchup and shampoo. Throughout our learning, we have been considering how we could improve our investigations in order to get more accurate and meaningful results.

We have continued our weekly swimming lessons and all of the children are improving in their water skills. We are particularly proud of the children who have persevered through challenges and fears and who are becoming much more confident in the water each week.

