

All children thrive in a culture where potential is limitless

YEAR 4



Loose

Primary School

newsletter

17 JANUARY 2025

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

In maths, the children have finished the unit of multiplication and division. They have worked practically with counters to learn the column method and the short division method. Both methods will prove to be very useful throughout their time in school so it is important we nail this in Year 4!

In literacy, we have started our new topic exploring the impacts of single-use plastic. By the end of term, the children will have written a persuasive piece of writing about the impacts of single-use plastic on humans, the community and the world. The children are learning to create compound, complex sentences and sentences with subordinating conjunctions – it has been great to see the children so passionate about wanting to resolve the problems single-use plastic bring to the world!

Did you know every minute of every day a truckload of plastic is dumped into the ocean?

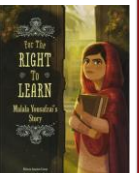
In geography, we have introduced our new unit of work; migration. The children have considered what they like about where they live as well as why people choose to migrate using key words such as migration and push/pull factors.

For art this term, we have a focus on digital art using the iPads. The children will explore the editing tools and manipulate photos. By the end of term, the children will have created slideshows of collages in the form of an art gallery ready for you to come and view.

REMINDERS

- Bring home learning books to school **every** day for communication.
- Children should be reading for 20 minutes, going on TTRS for 10 minutes
- Children should be practicing spellings for 10 minutes which are now set as "assignments" on Spelling Shed.
- PE days are as follows – Emerald – 2x Monday. Onyx – Thursday & Tuesday Ruby – Thursday & Friday

During assembly, Mrs Malhotra read a book from the author Nathan Byron. He is an accomplished actor and author of children's books. She read them the story 'Speak Up' which encourages children to take an active interest in the world and try to make change. He has written several books, which include Rocket Rules, Look Up and Clean Up. We are looking at plastics and how to look after the environment so the children would enjoy reading his works. Another influential activist is Malala Yousaifi, who from a young age has influenced change for girls in Pakistan. There are some great books to read about her life 'Free as a Bird' Lino Maslo and 'For the Right to Learn' Rebecca Langton- George.



In science this term, we are learning about sound. The children have practically learnt what a vibration is by acting out, hearing a drum being banged, cymbals being bashed and have felt their own vocal chords vibrate on their necks! The children know that a sound can travel in all directions through a sound wave and that it is a type of energy.

COMING UP

24 JANUARY

Young Voices @ 02 arena

6 FEBRUARY

Safer internet day

3-9 FEBRUARY

Children's mental health week.

• Trust • Compassion • Respect • Determination • Pride •