

## Redwood Class Newsletter Term 4

It has been so lovely to have the class back as a whole again. The children have showed wonderful resilience and have settled back in wonderfully.

### What have we been doing in class?

#### English

In English reading lessons, we are 'reading' Shaun Tan's silent graphic novel 'The Arrival'. The children have wowed with some wonderfully deep and mature inferences so far.

In writing lessons, we have finished a biography about Charles Darwin, linking back to our *Evolution and Inheritance* science learning I know the children enjoyed during lockdown. We've just started focusing on really considering vocabulary to use whilst thinking carefully about historical context with writing linked to Sherlock Holmes.

#### Maths

In maths, Year 5s have just finished working on adding & subtracting fractions, multiplying fractions by whole numbers and finding fractions of amounts. We have recently started working with decimals as fractions and working up to three decimal places, understanding thousandths.

Year 6 are just finishing working with perimeter, area and volume. They will spend a brief time being introduced to ratio before the Easter Holidays.

We understand that there may be some steps in learning which our pupils need to consolidate further due to the lockdown(s). If pupils found/are finding areas of maths tricky, then please encourage them to talk to Mr Cottrell or Mrs Allen and do not worry. Following national advice, we are working hard to develop a strong recovery curriculum in maths for the Summer Term which ensures key concepts are embedded and that pupils are ready to progress to their next year group by the end of the year.

#### Topics

In PSHE, we have been focusing on the importance being individual, encouraging the children to develop a positive view of themselves. In RE, we are exploring the question 'What do Christians believe Jesus did to save Human beings?' linked to salvation.

In our focus topics we have recently been learning about rivers in geography and have just started an art topic focused on masks. We have studied work by David Hockney and are drawing faces in pencil and charcoal before designing and creating paper-mache masks. Linking back to another favourite topic, these will be inspired by Ancient Egyptian death masks.

#### Celebration

Congratulations to Zachary, Brooke, Kieran, Joshua, Martha, Jayden and Lauren for achieving gold certificates in Athletics since our last newsletter. They join Nathaniel and Toby in the hall of fame! No gold certificates for Radiwriter yet, but I can see that some children are very close!

*Please keep those out of school achievements coming in!*

#### **Mathletics & Radiwriter Points**

Year 5 have achieved a total of 332,242 points in Mathletics and 125,428 points within Radiwriter.

Year 6 have achieved a total of 242,453 points in Mathletics and 60,517 points within Radiwriter.

What an improvement from both year groups!