Year 4 Classroom News

October highlights

English

This month, we have been reading and analysing playscripts and attempted writing short scripts of our own. We had a great time studying the different characters of each script and trying to bring our character to life using our own acting skills. "The Little Pigs", "Goldilocks and the three bears" and "Jack and the Beanstalk", were a few of the playscripts that we enjoyed studying the most over the past month.

Science

The past month, we started learning about electricity and circuits. Firstly, we reviewed the importance of safety and electricity in the home and at school. We constructed basic circuits and conducted investigations on the brightness of a lightbulb. We can now identify and explain if a circuit will function and make relevant labelled diagrams using the correct symbols for the materials.

Math

In Math, we have been continuing with basic operations and number problems, however our main focus has been on developing our knowledge about fractions. We reviewed the basic aspects of fractions in order to feel more confident before approaching ordering, comparing fractions and discovering more about equivalent fractions.

Social Studies

In Social Studies, we were introduced to a new topic "Ancient Rome". Firstly, we learned about "Pax Romana" and debated about the positive and negative effects of this era in Roman history. We learned about the Invasions and Spread of the Roman Empire, creating timelines and noting important facts about the Romans. In addition, we have been learning about the daily life of a Roman soldier and how life was developing during this time. We will continue to explore Ancient Rome in the next month, and learn about the many developments that occurred at the time, which are still evident today.

Up next month

Science & Social Studies

Science:
- Sound

Social Studies:
- Ancient Rome

English
- Persuasive texts and writing
- Stuart Little
- Ongoing reading and handwriting

Math
- Basic operations
- Fractions
- Number problems
- Decimals

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