THE CATHEDRAL
Catholic Primary School

YEAR 4
Class Newsletter

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the school year. We can't believe we have done so much in one half term!



In English, we have been learning about folk tales and newspaper reports.

As well as writing new versions of the Brer Rabbit stories, we also read the book 'The Day I fell Into A Fairy Tale' by Ben Miller. It was really exciting and Mrs Lowe kept leaving it on a cliff hanger at the end of the day!

In Geography we have been learning about the Mediterranean. We have been using maps and graphs to study the area and compare information such as the weather and climate with the UK.



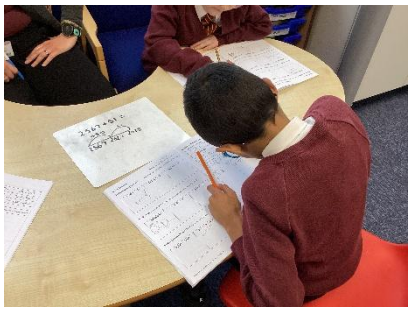
We also had a fantastic trip to Abbeystead with Year 3, where we learnt about the environment and conservation. We played games, built bird boxes and found out how peat bogs form. It was a brilliant day, we even dodged the rain and saw a beautiful rainbow! We enjoyed the river study best.







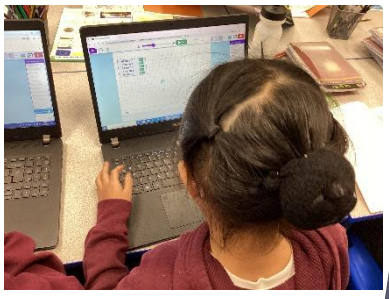




In Maths, we have been busy developing our number, shape, measure and statistic skills. We have learnt that there are lots of different ways to solve mathematical puzzles and problems, including jottings, mental methods and formal written methods.

In Computing this half term, we have been learning how to write code using a programme called Logo. We were lucky enough to have a whole afternoon of Lego coding where we got to build and battle robots. It took a lot of teamwork and trial and error but was great fun.







We are really pleased with the new markings that have been put down on our school playground. Mrs Lowe took us all outside and taught us how to play hop scotch. Mrs Lowe joined in and managed to play without falling over!





Our PE this half term has been gymnastics and swimming.

We have been improving our gymnastic skills by working on balancing and travelling. Some of us have even learnt how to climb the ropes in the hall.

We have all made a great start to our swimming lessons. Some of us who couldn't swim at all in September are now swimmers. Mrs Lowe is very proud of us.

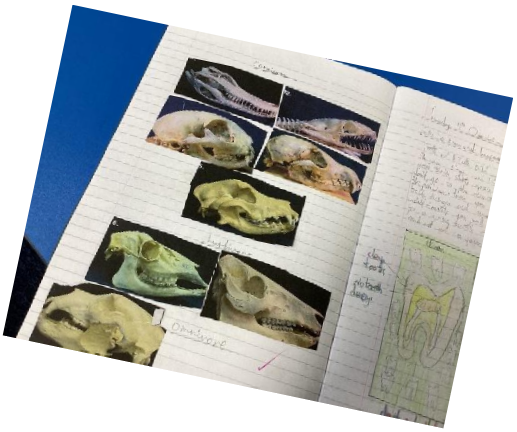
As part of our PSHE, we have been learning how our brains work by using My Happy Mind. We have found out how we learn and that we have three parts to our brains, the hippocampus, the amygdala and the prefrontal cortex. We have been practicing a technique called Happy Breathing that we can use to calm our brains when we are sad, worried or scared.



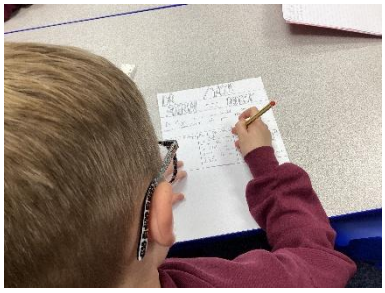


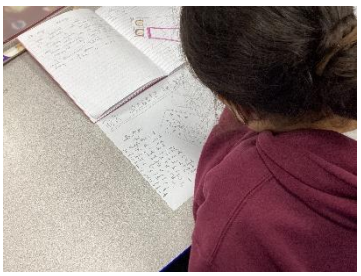
Christmas came early this half term, as we have been making our Christmas card designs for the PTA Christmas cards. We look forward to see them when they have been printed. We enjoyed painting these, although our fingers did get quite messy!

As well as learning about the digestive system, we have been teeth detectives in science this half term. We have been looking at the different shapes and jobs that teeth have and the differences between herbivores and carnivores' teeth. Did you know that snails have up to 25,000 teeth? No, we didn't either…



During Black History Month, we have been learning about an amazing woman called Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock. She is a space scientist and science communicator who overcame dyslexia to achieve her dream of working in space science. She sends satellites into space to study climate change and also presents the TV programme 'The Sky at Night' and writes children's books about space.





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Unlocking Potential Together in Faith and Love.

As Part of our learning in RE this half term, we have been learning about God's covenant with Abraham and the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love that Abraham showed. We have also studied Cardinal Manning, who was influential in developing what we now know as Catholic Social Teaching. Cardinal Manning taught that because we are all created in the image of God we should all treat each other with dignity and respect. We are going to try to do this in our daily lives.

