

# Class 4 Curriculum Update

## December 2022

December's Values: Compassion and simplicity



Year 4 have been busy the last few weeks, including with a curriculum visit to Bristol to attend a Buddhist centre and a visit to the M Shed museum. It was great for the children to have a deeper understanding of another religion at the Buddhist centre. It was a calming, relaxing environment and the children (and adults) enjoyed the meditation and stilling. The children enjoyed sharing their knowledge of Buddhism from our previous theme, 'A World of Difference'. As well as learning a lot more about Buddhism, including the story of how it began from Bhadra. The children's behaviour was excellent and they asked lots of great questions to deepen their understanding. It was great to experience a different belief and faith. At the M Shed the children found out more about the history of Bristol, including the history of the slave trade. They absorbed a lot of information and it was great to see the children making so many notes.

As a writer, the children have written a re - telling of the story of Rama and Sita. They organised their writing into paragraphs, using some expanded noun phrases and well-chosen vocabulary, as well as using some commas for clauses. Some children even made a triple page spread this time. The quality of their writing was excellent.

As a mathematician, we have been continuing looking at multiplication and division with looking at the 11 and 12 times table and the effect of multiplying by 1 and 0 and dividing a number by 1 and itself. We have also been re - visiting using the inverse operation to check calculations involving addition and subtraction so we know we have the right answer. There has been great to see some improvement with the engagement of the children using TT Rockstars to improve their recall of the multiplication and division facts.

This week Year 4 had their last Forest School session of this year and we were lucky enough to have a snowy Forest School for the our Christmas themed party session. The children enjoyed making miniature snowmen, and going on a snowy walk through the forest. After lunch, the children were set a, 'I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here' style challenge by having to find one star (there was one heart) each to be able to get hot chocolate and marshmallows. It meant working as a team and finding stars for everyone. The children were kept warm by the fire and demonstrated good awareness, trust and responsibility being safe when invited to kneel closer and toast their marshmallows over the fire after enjoying some hot chocolate, while listening to Christmas music. There was some beautiful singing on the way to, from and at Forest School too. The children also did very well to complete their Reindeer Run this week.



I hope you and the children have an enjoyable and restful time in the holidays before we return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you to Mrs Corrick, Miss White and Mr Lacey for your hard work this term.

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