

Blue Class

We had lots of fun during the Autumn term in Blue Class.

In September, we started to read our book called 'Giant'. It was about a little boy called Anzo who was unusually short for his age. The rest of his family were extremely tall and this upset him. We thought about how we could help Anzo by writing letters to him and sitting in a 'hot seat' to understand how it must have felt to be him. Giant linked to our science topic, 'Animals including Humans'. We discussed the nutrients a human needs in order to maintain a healthy body. We compared this with the diet of different animals including dogs and cats. We found out that dogs need to eat more carbohydrates in their diet than humans to provide energy. In PSHCE we focused on friendship and what it takes to be a good friend. We also looked at the different qualities we all have and how we are all unique and special. In maths we focused on place value. We practised counting forward and backwards in a range of multiples such as 4, 8, 50 and 100. We carefully drew number lines to help us show our workings out. We also used the iPads in maths to complete online activities relating to our work for the day.



In October, we focused on mental addition and subtraction. We now know that we need to put the biggest number in our head and count forwards or backwards depending on the question. In English used drama to predict what might happen next in our book 'Giant'. We performed our drama to our friends and enjoyed being a good audience. In PE we explored African dancing and learned lots of new moves. We also took part in our new topic called Boot Camp. We practised circuits and recognised the effects of exercise our bodies, by listening to our heartbeat. In science we continued with our topic of 'Animals including Humans'. We also learnt about the human skeleton and how it differs from those of animals. We worked in teams to construct our own skeletons and labelled the bones.



In November, we started our swimming lessons in and stepped back in time on our Stone Age school trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum. During our trip we were given the opportunity to build shelters and make ancient face paint, bracelets and fire! We also made flatbreads which were cooked on an open fire, and modelled clay pots with our bare hands. In school we started to read our new book called The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton. We really enjoyed and our favourite characters were Moonface and Saucepan Man. We wrote letters to our friends to convince them to join us on a trip up the tree and created our own magical lands that could be found at the top of the tree. In maths focused on written methods of multiplication and division. With lots of practise we were able to apply our knowledge to word problems. Lastly, in our topic lessons we started our new topic called Land Use. We began by exploring Google Maps and creating sketch maps of both our school and the surrounding areas.



In December we focused on fractions in maths. We enjoyed adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. In English we continued with our book The Magic Faraway Tree and explored alternative chapter endings. We looked at cliff-

hanger endings and those with a twist. We created our own alternative endings and shared them with the class. During December we took part in the school Art Day. We created our own Christmas hats and had a go and baking snowmen cupcakes. We used our team work skills and created super cakes. In the lead up the Christmas researched about how people celebrate Christmas in different countries. We found out that in Australia they sometimes eat their Christmas dinner on the beach!

