

# This week in the classrooms...

## Reception

The boys loved listening to the story 'Sharing a Shell'. They listened out for all the rhyming words and thought about who they would like to share a shell with. We looked at the glittery illustrations of the sea creatures and some of the boys made their own. This week in phonics we learnt the sounds g o c k. The boys had fun decorating a g with glitter, squeezing oranges, painting a c with carrots and printing k with keys. The boys have been practising blending words and trying to form the sounds in writing. In maths the boys ordered numbered fish to 10 and 20. They also matched numbered pegs to the correct numicon piece.

## Year 1

We have commenced a new book, *Giraffes Can't Dance*, and wrote a prediction based on the cover and title. We used capital letters, full stops and finger spaces and practised our sentences by first saying them out loud. In Maths, we continued looking at addition. Last week, we wrote number sentences such as  $5+7=12$  and this week we looked at representing these addition facts with part-part whole models. We have started to look at the five groups of vertebrates in Science, focusing on birds and their structures this week

## Year 2

We have had a very busy week in Year 2. In English, we wrote postcards pretending to be the snail. We focused on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We also learnt what an adjective is and tried to use this in our work. In Maths, we focused on subtraction and even answered some word problems. Year 2 also learnt how to draw a snail and the human and physical features of North America.

## Year 3

Year 3 have worked really hard on their 3, 4 and 8 times tables this week. We will continue to work on this and encourage the boys to practice at home. In English, we have been developing our comprehension skills and boys enjoyed completing an 'around the room' comprehension. In Science, we learned about fossils and in History we wrote job descriptions for Stone Age jobs such as a hunter and farmer. We had lots of fun working on our Art project, using wire, plaster cloth and water.

## Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have continued practising our times tables, multiplying and dividing by 0 and 1, working with factor pairs and multiplying 3 digits together. In English, we planned, drafted, edited and wrote final copy of an informal letter based on the book 'The Iron Man'. In Science, we investigated different circuits to see if they were complete or incomplete and give reasons for their findings. In Humanities, we have learnt about the Maya number system, and completing calculations using their methods. The boys also designed a Mayan Mask during the art lesson.

## Year 5

We have had a productive week of learning in Year 5. In English, we continued looking at our text and have been planning our Brazil travel brochure. In Maths, we have been using the column method to add and subtract alongside rounding to check if our answers are accurate. In Science, we have continued delving into living things and their habitats by exploring how seeds are dispersed. Furthermore, in Humanities we have explored how water gets polluted and ways to overcome this.

## Year 6

This week, we started off with a primary Leadership workshop lead by Streetwise. In the session, boys learnt about role models, how they influence people and the characteristics expected from them as ambassadors of the school and being in Year 6. In maths, we challenged the boys with long division. We wrote postcards from the trenches, as well as some lovely autumnal art, using leaves and twigs.