

This week in the classrooms...

Reception

The boys were very excited when they found out our focus story this week was *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson. We read this familiar story together and picked out all the rhyming words. We looked very carefully at the illustrations of the Gruffalo character and thought about the words and phrases we could use to describe him. They also had fun in our Gruffalo cave! The boys have also been busy measuring this week using cubes. They measured different sized snakes and compared them to see which was the shortest and longest. In Phonics this week, the new sounds taught were: oo, oo, or, ar and the new tricky word was 'my'. Please look at the school website for the PowerPoint to reinforce the learning in class.

Year 1

Year 1 learned to count on using their fingers to solve addition problems this week. We were so impressed with the boys' poetry recitals, thank you for helping them with this. The boys also wrote their own poems in the style of A.A Milne's 'When I Was One' in class using a bank of rhyming words. In Science, we learned about magnetism and made our very own magnets. We started our new Geography topic 'The United Kingdom' this week, looking at the four countries and their locations on the map. Our Phonics sounds were **au** for **autumn** and **aw** for **saw**.

Year 2

Year 2 has had a very busy week! In English, we wrote our own diary entry pretending to have witnessed the Great fire of London. The boys made sure to write in the past tense, first person and include lots of emotions. We were very proud of their work. In Maths we looked at subtraction and various methods to help us. In Art, we created a collage of a fire using red, orange and yellow tissue paper. In Humanities, we looked at different sources we can use as evidence to show us what happened in 1666. We are very excited for next week here in Year 2.

Year 3

It's been another great week of learning in Year 3! We have been developing our addition and subtraction skills, using column methods to solve word problems. In English, we used our text, 'The Lorax', to learn about direct speech using inverted commas. The boys used this new learning and other writing tools to plan a newspaper article. In Science, we created group posters to demonstrate all our learning from our topic 'Forces and Magnets'. We designed our own Roman Empire towns in History.

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been continuing our learning on Poetry and have learnt about all the different types of poems such as limericks, acrostics, shape free verse, etc. We have also written our own poems on British Values using one of these poetry formats. In Maths, we have been finishing up our topic of addition and subtraction where we have covered inverse operations, word problems and adding and subtracting decimals. In Humanities, we have learnt about the importance of rivers and what they're used for around the world and in Science, we have finished our topic of States of Matter by looking at the 4 stages of the water cycle and making our own mini water cycle in plastic bags and watching the water evaporate and condense.

Year 5

In Year 5 this week, we delved into understanding the fundamental principles of forces and motion in Science. Angles took centre stage in Maths, providing a foundation for geometric concepts. Our lessons based on the Titanic continued in English and we completed our balanced argument on who was most at fault for the sinking of the Titanic. The boys took part in an exciting lesson in Humanities as we worked with clay to craft Greek vases, exploring the artistry of ancient civilisations. Simultaneously, our journey through time continued as we delved deeper into the life of Ancient Greece, unravelling its history and traditions.

Year 6

This week, we learned about evacuation in History. The boys demonstrated their learning by writing in role as an evacuee to their families. They showed empathy for the children who were evacuated and demonstrated an understanding that not all children were placed with kind host families. Some children even wrote about being evacuated as far as Australia and South Africa. We were lucky enough to have a printing lesson led by Mr Jolly to round off the week.

