

RECEPTION

This week, we continued our theme of Healthy Eating and read the book Stone Soup by Ann McGovern. We discussed if the soldier really made soup from a stone or if it was the vegetables that made it taste 'fit for a king.' Despite the hot weather, the boys loved chopping vegetables to make our own delicious soup in class. As part of our writing activities this week, each of the boys wrote their own healthy shopping list and instructions of how to make soup. In Maths, we learnt about odd and even numbers. We discussed how even numbers always have a 'friend' but odd numbers don't. The boys used Numicon to support their learning. In Phonics, we recapped Level 3 and 4 and practiced reading and writing CVC, CVCC and CCVC words.

YEAR 1

The boys truly impressed us with their determination and achievements during assessment week—well done! In Science, we explored trees and used vocabulary like branches, trunk, and bark. We also learned to identify common trees such as oak, sycamore, and holly by examining their leaves and seeds. In Humanities, we learned about Felicity Aston and compared her polar explorations with those of Matthew Henson one hundred years earlier. We saw that so much has changed in those hundred years and Felicity had many new technologies to help her such as scientifically tested clothing, GPS and freeze dried food.

YEAR 2

In Maths we have looked at measuring and comparing mass (weight) as well as trying to solve word problems. In Phonics, we learnt about homophones and near homophones. We also did our last 'big write' of the year. We recounted the story of 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain'. In our Humanities topic of Kenya, we researched the 'Big 5' - Lion, Rhino, Leopard, Buffalo and Elephant. They did their research in groups and shared their knowledge with the whole class. In Science, we wrote up what had happened to the beans we had planted. Had we predicted things accurately? We were happy to see that the beans that had all the things that plants require, have started growing. It was very exciting. We will continue to observe them.

YEAR 3

This week, the boys have been working really hard in their assessments. They really applied themselves and worked very hard. We are proud of all their efforts. In English, we completed our final big write, which was a persuasive letter. It has been lovely to see all the progress that has been made in writing this year. In Science, we looked out how the muscles and bones move the body and we made a working example of the arm.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have spent lots of time this week doing assessments. Whilst this sounds intimidating, in reality the boys know it is their time to show off all that they have learnt this year. The progress is immense and we are so proud of all that they have achieved. In Science, they learnt about sustainability and protecting endangered animals and what can be done to help them.

YEAR 5

This week was Assessment Week, and all the boys worked really hard. It was great to see their effort paying off! In Humanities, we learned about the different types of aid people need after an earthquake, such as food, shelter, and medical help. In Science, we explored the life cycle of plants and how they grow from seeds into mature plants. During Music, we had lots of fun playing the djembe drums and learning different rhythms.

YEAR 6

It's been a fantastic week in Year 6! One of the highlights was a special Science afternoon with Mr. Barnes, Head of Science at Menorah Grammar School. He taught the boys all about the circulatory system, digestion, and the intestines. The session included a live dissection of a lamb's heart – and the boys even had the chance to hold it themselves! The excitement and curiosity were truly infectious. We also began work on our Year 6 yearbook, with a flurry of creativity as the boys took part in a 'front page' design competition. It's been a really good week full of learning, discovery, and imagination!