

Welcome to 4C

Autumn Term 2017

4C have started the year as they mean to go on, full of enthusiasm and there is a definite buzz in the classroom. We are all very excited to see what is in store for the year, but we know together we will achieve and grow.

Tomb Raiders

They have started the term with an Egyptian day, all the children in years 3 and 4 went to Ancient Egypt and became archaeologists when discovering new artefacts. We have also created our own ancient tomb in the years 3/4 corridor with our own hieroglyphics, make sure you take a look next time you visit. We then went to Birmingham Museum and learnt some fantastic new facts, showed off our own knowledge and of course showed perfect Walsgrave behaviour as we did so.



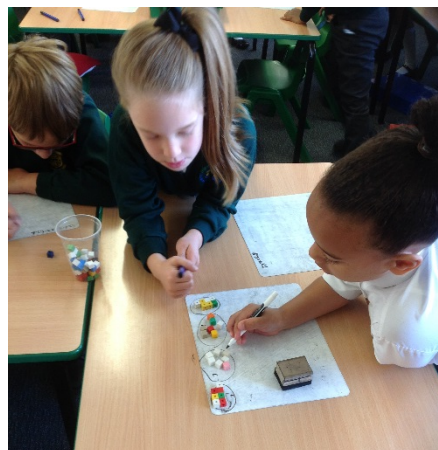
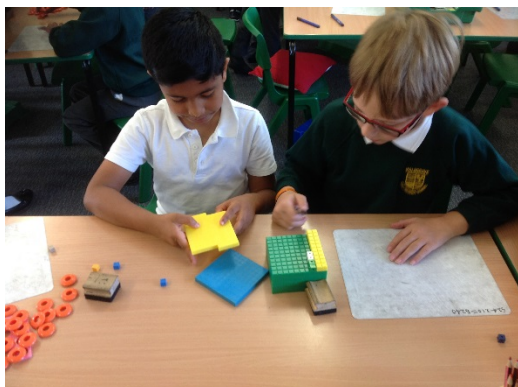
English

In English we have been studying the well-loved classic *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. The children have loved creating illustrations from the authors description, they also used their theatrical skills to show how the character would move and feel. They used this to create a character description using amazing vocabulary bring their writing to life. Our next task is to create our own mythical creature that would fit right in with the faun, lion and white witch in Narnia.



Maths

We have also began our new approach to maths using *Maths No Problem*. We have been exploring various ways to answer contextualised questions, using a range of equipment some we have used before and others which are new to us. This new approach has allowed lots more time to discuss as a class what we have discovered and shown there can be multiple ways to find the same answer. We look forward to continuing with our new maths journey.



Useful Information

Reading: Children are expected to read at 4 times a week, for approximately 10 minutes. This needs to be recorded in their reading diary with an adult signature. They are also encouraged to read their own books from home and they may update their reading diaries accordingly. Please encourage children to bring in their reading book and diary every day as they need their diary for their spelling sessions.

P.E: We strongly suggest that children keep their P.E. kit in school to avoid forgetting it.

Homework: Children will be given spellings, on a Wednesday, to complete that will run alongside our Read, Write, Inc spelling sessions for a test on Monday. Teachers will now provide a pack of Maths and English activities for the children to complete throughout the term. These packs will provide approximately 15 - 30 minutes per week of additional core-subject worksheets linked closely to what the children have been learning that term in class. The children will be guided to what pieces of Maths and English work they should complete each week. It is important that they undertake any homework set as it directly links to work they have completed in class and, as such, aids understanding.

Useful Websites: We know that you are eager to support your child at home. Here are some useful websites that we can recommend to support your child's learning: www.topmarks.co.uk click on "learning games", [bbc bitesize](http://bbc.com/bitesize) has some lovely games and explanations of key concepts in Maths and English.