

Friday 3rd November 2017

Year 4 Newsletter

Hello,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great half term.

In English, we have started to create our own Greek myths. We have read Theseus and the Minotaur, King Midas and the Golden Touch and Pandora's Box. From this, the children have created their own mythical beast, a hero or heroine and they have planned their own myth.

In Maths, we have been working on a variety of mathematical skills. The children have worked extremely hard and they have persevered. The children have been finding co-ordinates of shapes, used positional language to locate shapes on a 2D grid, translated shapes across grids and used their written methods to solve 2-step word problems.

In topic this week, the children have started our new topic which is called 'Locational Knowledge'. The children have learnt about the seven continents and used atlases to locate the countries of Europe on a map.

In Science this week, we had a visit from a Scientist called Mr Fourie. In this lesson, he taught us about forces using lots of exciting experiments! He made a pickled egg fit into a congeal flask whilst it was upside down, used air pressure



to crush a large water bottle and made mini-rockets by using water, a film canister and effervescent tablets! The children then created their own experiments using different amounts of water and tablets, to see which could explode the quickest and the highest. My ceiling has dents in it now! He also

wowed the children by creating slime by just using polystyrene and nail varnish remover. The children loved it and they even didn't mind missing PE!



For home learning this week, I would like the children to complete the MyMaths page on co-ordinates. This should be completed by Thursday 9th November!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Deakin