



Rosewood Newsletter



GENERAL NOTE FROM TEACHER

Another exciting term has flown by and some of the highlights have been our Olympics topic, Science Week and Easter Activity Morning. Next term promises to be just as exciting with the year 4 residential trip to Grafham Water and the Olympics Opening Ceremony.

Enjoy the Easter Holidays.

Miss Hayes

Literacy

This term, the children participated in a daring whale rescue to save a whale which had become stranded on Hunstanton beach. They wrote about the rescue in the style of a newspaper report.

"I enjoyed doing the whale rescue reports because we got into whale rescue teams to save the whale". (Sam)



Linked to our Olympics topic, the children were given the task of creating an information booklet for tourists travelling to London for the 2012 Olympic Games. Our booklets contained features such as a contents and glossary and we found out lots of information about London whilst creating them.

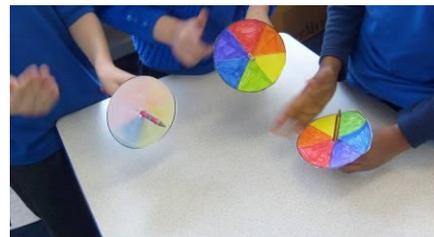
After identifying places where we might find instructions, the children invented their own 'Rube Goldberg' style machine and wrote instructions on how to use it. Their instructions contain features such as time connectives, imperative verbs and bullet points.

Science Week

Throughout Science Week we took part in lots of exciting activities about light and colour. After discussing the difference between primary and secondary colours, we did a variety of experiments to test how these colours mix such as 'magic milk', 'colour spinners' and 'cascading colours'.



We learnt that white light is made up of lots of different colours. When we created bubbles, we were able to see these different colours reflected in the bubble skins. We noticed that when we mixed vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, the chemicals reacted and created bubbles filled with carbon dioxide. We tried this experiment in a sandwich bag and sealed the top to see what would happen. The pressure of the gas inside the bubbles caused the bag to explode with a BANG!



"I enjoyed making the colour wheels because when we spun them the colours blurred together" (Ella)

Olympics Topic

The children are captivated by our Olympics topic and have enjoyed finding out about the Olympic venues and sports. We discovered that there are 216 countries competing in the 2012 Olympics and we used atlases to locate some of these countries.

The children have been divided into four teams, each named after a different British Olympian. The Olympians include Daniel Keatings, Ben Ainslee, Victoria Pendleton and Rebecca Adlington. They can collect points for their team by demonstrating the Olympic values.

"We have found out lots about the Olympics. I am most looking forward to watching the running." (Jack M)

Science

Our topic this term has been Rocks and Soils. We have completed a variety of investigations such as testing the permeability of different rocks and exploring the properties of soil. When we added soil and water to a beaker and shook them, we noticed that the soil settled into different layers. This helped us identify the soil type.



"I liked testing the rocks to see whether water went through them" (Jack R)

Easter Activity Morning

On Thursday morning, the children took part in a variety of Easter craft activities.



"It was good fun when we decorated biscuits. They were really tasty!" (Alex)

Numeracy

We have covered a range of skills in Numeracy this term. We found out how to calculate the area and perimeter of regular and irregular shapes. We also learnt how to recognise and measure different angles using a protractor.

In addition, we revised our knowledge of using the grid method to multiply and using 'chunking' to divide.

"Using the grid method was fun because I could complete really tricky questions." (Liam)

DATES FOR NEXT TERM

- 17th April - Start of Summer Term
- 23rd April - Olympics Opening Ceremony
- 2-4th May - Grafham Water Trip (year 4)