

Year 4 Learning Celebrations!

Traders and Raiders



Our drama of Arthur and the knights of the round table.

What a busy topic! Year Four have really loved learning about the Saxons this term.

We began by learning about why the Saxons needed to flee Belgium, Denmark and Holland and then thought about why they were drawn to our wonderful island. This led into some super diaries!

Following this, we focused on the Legend of King Arthur which we loved! This led us to create some splendid dramas, flags and even a retelling using Arthur's foster brother Kay's perspective.



Young Arthur has been taken from his family to keep him safe. He has new foster parents but also a horrible, older foster brother, Kay.

Science

This has been a super Term for Science as we've begun our two-term long look at Animals (including humans). We began by learning about our teeth and making a plasticine sculpture of them. We then moved on to conducting a science experiment to find out *why* we chew by seeing what happens to a sweet in (vinegar) stomach acid when it's left whole.



Gold award winners:

Well done to Year Four's Gold Award winners: Yasmin, Emie, Crystal, Finley, Zachary, Bobby, Kayla and Tilly H!



You have made an extra effort in your learning or your behaviour and it has really impressed your teacher! Keep it up! If you haven't received the gold award yet think about what you can do this coming term to really stand out!



Family learning projects:



Thank-you again for helping to create some wonderful homework! We have been so impressed with the number of you who created your own boats— wow! These have been a great talking point in class.

Well done all of you, these will be returned to you soon so that you can make a great start on next term's work!





Mobile Farm visit



On Friday the 11th March, KS2 had a visit from a mobile farm. This really helped the children to learn about where the food they eat comes from and how the animals are cared for.

We learnt many facts about the animals, which included: cows, goats, pigs and chickens. *Did you know you can eat every part of a pig except its oink?*

Our most favourite part was when we got to hold the tiny chick, who was only a few weeks old, and the adorable lamb who was only born a few days before!

Ask your children if they can tell you any more facts about these farm-yard animals.



Maths



We've had a lot of fun this term in maths! We focused on exploring and using different ways of measuring.

We began with length, measuring things around our classroom and testing measurement facts about our bodies. *Did you know that the measurement from the finger tips on one hand to the other (when arms are stretched out at the sides) is around the same as your height?*

We used scales in our lessons to measure mass. First, we ordered classroom objects from lightest to heaviest and then used scales to weigh them. To practise measuring capacity, we made invisibility, flying and shrinking potions! This was particularly fun and children showed a lot of accuracy with this.

Over the Easter holidays, it would be useful for your child to practise their written multiplication accuracy as this will become their target.

T Traders and Raiders (continued) Vikings to 1066



As Term 4 was so short, we've decided to continue the topic over into Term 5. This also means that children will really get to explore the vicious Vikings and develop their knowledge of England to 1066.

It's probably the most famous date in England... we're travelling back to 1066! These are troubled times and there's danger afoot. A much-loved king is dead and a French Duke has staked a claim for our kingdom. Not to mention all the other wannabe monarchs! Discover a changing England, shaped by shires, protected by castles and ruled by foreign knights.

We have also booked a Viking Day at Kent Life to explore this further (details to follow).