

Merlin Class

Autumn Term 1



Due to COVID-19, this year has been very different but we have still managed to have a huge amount of fun in Merlin Class. We started off the new school year with our topic "Here Today Gone Tomorrow". We were lucky enough to have a zoom call from the Education Team at Marwell Wildlife. They gave us loads of

really fascinating information about the animals we were studying this half term (and we got to pretend that we were hippos wading along a river bed!) We all dressed up for this day too which was great fun, as you can see from the photo. As part of our topic we also decided to support the work of Marwell Wildlife Park further by adopting one of their snow leopards who is called Indeever

Autumn Term 2

After half term, all of us came to school dressed in our pyjamas for a day full of bedtime stories. We spent the morning making torches which we then used to light up our favourite books for an afternoon full of reading. We did this to allow us to explore how magical stories can be (and what would happen if all the happy endings were taken away!)



This was based on the book *The Lost*

Happy Endings by Carol Ann Duffy. We had great fun doing some drama based on the book and writing our own stories.



In order to keep us safe at night, we also used our textiles skills to create our own monsters- as you can see they range from terrifying to very cute!



In the last week of the Christmas Term, we had the chance to learn about different Christmasses from all around the world while completing our 'elf passport'. We ate Bûche de Noël from France, Lebkuchen from Germany and KFC from Japan. We also learnt how to say Happy Christmas in all three languages as well. Mrs Booth our teaching assistant is from Germany so we got to ask her lots of questions about what Christmas is like in Germany as well.

Spring Term 1

With over half of our class doing home learning, World Book Day was a bit different this year but we had lots of fun studying the book *Leaf* by Sandra Dieckmann. We created a variety of different aeroplanes and



investigated which one would help 'Leaf' to fly the furthest. We also had a

go at doing some printing and managed to produce some amazing pieces of leaf artwork which we combined with the writing that Raven Class and the home learners had done to make this beautiful display.



Spring Term 2

With everyone back in school again, at the end of the Spring Term we

decided to have a party-Greek style! We tried lots of yummy Greek food, although some of us weren't that sure about olives and figs! We learnt how to write our names in the Greek alphabet, created a Greek pot and learnt all about the Greek theatre. In the afternoon we put on a spectacular performance of *Theseus and the Minotaur* in our

own Greek amphitheatre (otherwise known as the field!) We then put the athletics that we had been practising to good use by having a Mini-Greek Olympics. We were all given a city state and the members of the winning city state were given an olive wreath crown.



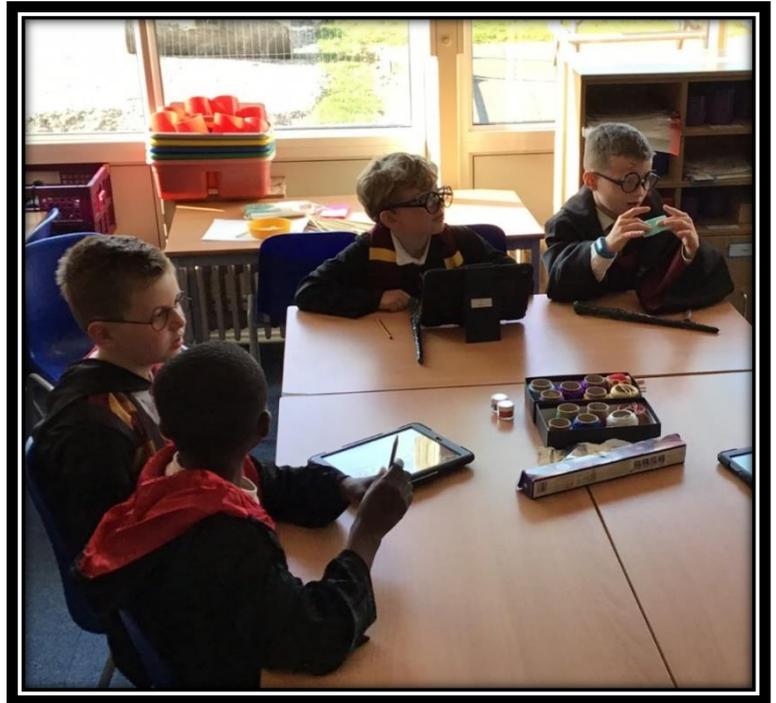


As part of our DT for this half term we looked at where our food comes from and the food miles that goes into the food on our plates. We made our own wraps with just food that was grown and produced in the UK, they were yummy and we all discovered some things that we liked that we hadn't tried before.



Summer Term 1

We had a very exciting start to the Summer Term, Albus Dumbledore sent us a letter inviting us to be a muggle school twinned with Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry! When we came in on the first day our classroom had been transformed into the Great Hall, complete with the Sorting Hat. We were sorted into our Hogwarts houses and then had a great day completing lots of different experiments such as blowing up balloons without air, making milk dance and making water defy gravity



(as you can see from the pictures we had a LOT of fun.) We also made our own wands so we could cast spells, such as creating our brilliant settings descriptions of a potions classroom. This half term we also had our first ever go at woodwork and made these beautiful *Mirror of Ereiseds*. We also had a go at playing a (non-flying) version of Quidditch. It was such good fun!





Summer Term 2

In the last half term of the year our topic was There's No Place Like Home. We were lucky enough to go on lots of trips this half term. We took a trip down to St Nicholas Church on Thorney Island where we learnt more about this historic church from Catherine the Padre. We also had a virtual tour of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in London and we were then able to compare the 2 different places of worship.



We also investigated the history and geography of Emsworth and Chichester as part of our local study. We collected lots of data, including which place had the best cake shop(!) and then presented our findings back at school.

Unfortunately, our first trip to Emsworth was rained off

but we were still able to enjoy the cakes in the dry at school thanks to Mr Hallam (the Chair of Governors) who went and collected them for us in his



car. We all agreed they were delicious and thankfully the rain cleared up and we were able to do our trip to Emsworth the following week. We also had a great time in Chichester and learnt lots about the history of our nearest city - including imagining we were Romans defending the city walls.

Throughout the school year we have also been learning the clarinets each week and although we haven't been able to hold a concert for parents to come and watch us, we were able to do a virtual performance on our last clarinet lesson of the year.



We've had a brilliant time in Merlin Class and we can't wait for our new adventures in Year 5.