

Term 2 – Week 4

Literacy

This week in literacy, we finished our class novel, *The Iron Man*. We used prediction to imagine what might happen at different points in the last chapter. Finally, the Iron Man tricked the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon and defeated him. We found out that sometimes, characters that appear bad are actually good! We also watched the film of the book and talked about some of the things that were the same and some things that were different. Next week we will use a Venn Diagram to sort things into book, film and book & film.

Because we have been writing instructions, this week, we have a literacy task in our task board activities. We have to read instructions and follow them in class. Lots of children have done this already and made a chocolate crispy cake. We read the instructions together and took note of parts you need when writing instructions. E.g. Title, subtitle, list of what's needed, numbered steps, ordinal sentence starters and command verbs. Next week, children will use their experience to write their own *How To Make A Chocolate Crispy Cake*.

Numeracy

This week, we have continued learning to understand fractions. We have looked in greater detail at how to find a fraction of a quantity. Some used concrete materials and some used a whiteboard and diagram when counting. Everyone SHARED out the number using the denominator to show how many equal parts there needed to be.

We also looked at equivalent fractions and explored this concept with drawings and by using knowledge of multiplication and division. We will go on to explore how many wholes can be made from e.g. 20 quarters, 10 halves etc.

Health and Wellbeing

This week, we had the opportunity to spend time with the Junior Road Safety Officers, who taught us the safe way to cross the road. We walked around the village and did 'Stop, look, listen, think' when we came to the kerb. We also considered where would be the safest place to cross, taking account of parked cars and junctions. We will go out again soon to practise on our own. We discussed different kinds of crossings and how they might be used by people who are partially sighted and/or deafblind.

Topic

This week we watched a space video to remind us about the planets. We learned how far from the sun each one is, which ones rotate clockwise/anti-clockwise, which do not have an atmosphere and lots of other interesting things. In taskboard, we have the chance to research facts about space to add to our topic wall. We also created mnemonics to help us remember the order. Children worked in pairs and we had some very creative silly sentences – *My Very Eggy Monkey Just Sat Under Nothing* – one of my favourites! We then used some of the facts about appearance to create a piece of art showing the main star, the sun with a few of the planets. In taskboard, some children have created a beautiful galaxy with stars using sponges, paint and blue, purple and black paint.

Have a lovely weekend!