

P.4/3 Term in a Nutshell

We have had such a busy term! The boys and girls have learned so much across all areas of the curriculum and we can't wait to share them with you.

Topic

We have all absolutely loved our topic this term which was *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl. This topic allowed us to involve a range of curricular areas such as Maths, Expressive Arts, Writing, Grammar and Health and Wellbeing to name a few. *George's Marvellous Medicine* is about an eight year old boy who is tired of his grumpy Grandma bossing him around so he decides to make her a homemade medicine to sort out his grizzly old grouch of a Grandma once and for all! Before reading, we used the title, front cover and blurb to predict what we thought might happen in the story. This was the beginning of weeks of excellent hard work which we will tell you more about soon!

Literacy

This term we had great fun exploring different areas of Literacy as part of Book Week Scotland. We created our own characters and story which was then made into a book with a front cover. We truly felt like authors! In writing, we have learned how to write a set of instructions. We have written lots of wonderful pieces for this genre. One of best examples of instructional writing we completed was one titled 'How to make me'. We listed the traits and qualities that make us unique and paired them with some wonderful measurement phrases to create the most perfect recipe. Another favourite was the instructions we created for making our own yucky and disgusting medicines which were inspired by *George*. Our main reading focus has been our class novel and this introduced us to some interesting grammar concepts; onomatopoeia and homophones being a personal class favourite.

In Health and Wellbeing, we explored the importance of staying safe around medicines. We participated in a medicine safety quiz before designing our own posters to make others aware of the do's and don'ts around medicine.

Mathematics

Our novel allowed for a very active and hands on maths term. We explored volume and we learned how to convert between litres and millilitres and vice versa. We all thoroughly enjoyed measuring and creating our own medicine during maths stations. We were able to select the appropriate measuring equipment as well as measure each ingredient accurately. In mental maths, we are focusing on our times tables and we are challenging our learning each week by introducing addition and subtraction to our weekly times table. Just now we are learning about the greater than, less than and equal to signs and using them to describe the relationship between numbers.

RE

Our focus in RE has been on learning about Advent and the Christmas story. We know the candle colours on an Advent wreath and what they all represent. We also wrote our own Advent promises to remind us to show extra kindness during this time of preparing for the birth of Jesus. Primary 4 created their own cribs for the bambinelli figures to be placed in and blessed as the first step in preparing for the First Holy Communion next year.

What another busy and wonderful term we have had. I hope you all have a wonderful and safe Christmas with your loved ones and a fabulous New Year when it comes!



Our thoughts...

"I really liked reading our novel this term and doing poetry".

"I liked acting out parts of our novel during hotseating."

"I liked RE and mental maths this term."

"This term I learned the 5 times table."

"I have liked reading our class novel this term. It is a really exciting book. My favourite part was when George put animal pills in Grandma's medicine."

"I liked designing and colouring my own medicine bottle."

"I am new to this school this year and I love it here. I really liked our maths because we got to measure out ingredients from our book to create George's medicine."

"I learned how to write instructions this term. I know I need to include time openers, a method and a list of what you will need."