

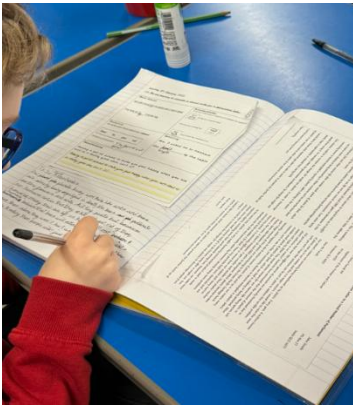


Year 4 Easter Class Newsletter!

Well, the Easter holidays are upon us and I have to say that this term has been an extremely busy, but amazing one, with so much fun, exciting experiences and super learning going on, your children have made amazing progress. It has been so wonderful being able to invite you all into school to share in our family day and all the workshops we had on offer. I hope you all enjoy your well-earned break and we look forward to the summer term, where we will endeavour to keep learning and having fun.



Our topic this term has been the Romans. The children have used evidence-based research when discovering facts about Boudica, Roman remains and the initial invasions by Julius Caesar and Emperor Claudius. They have made connections throughout the term and have understood the chronology of the history they are learning about. They are really beginning to understand how to be a historian and dig deeper into the areas of history they're studying.



English has continued to be a firm favourite of the children and I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children's mind mapping, planning and finished pieces of work for the topics we have covered when 'writing to inform' and 'writing to entertain'. They are using more exciting vocabulary and the children have really challenged themselves with adapting the structure of their WAGOLLS. I am super impressed with the standard of work and how seriously the children have taken their writing this term. They have followed the key features set out for each genre and succeeded in producing high standards of work both in quality and presentation.

Last score												Target score
x	5	2	7	4	9	1	8	6	10	3		
7	35	14	49	28	81	7	56	42	70	21		
9	45	18	63	36	81	9	72	54	90	27		
2	10	4	14	8	18	2	16	12	20	6		
11	55	22	77	44	99	11	88	66	110	33		
3	15	6	21	12	27	3	24	18	30	9		
6	30	12	42	24	54	6	48	36	60	18		
12	60	24	84	48	108	12	96	72	120	36		
8	40	16	56	32	72	8	64	48	80	24		
1	5	2	7	4	9	1	8	6	10	3		
4	20	8	28	16	36	4	32	24	40	12		
5	25	10	35	20	45	5	40	30	50	15		
10	50	20	70	40	90	10	80	60	100	30		

This term has taken us on a journey through multiplication and division, area, fractions and fractions as decimals. The children have used apparatus and visual supports to help them fully understand the concepts. I have been very impressed with how the children have begun to really challenge themselves and it is clear that they now enjoy falling 'into the pit' and the need to find their way out using what they know and problem solving. We have been working, since our first week in year 4, to improve our times tables knowledge and quick recall, I am super impressed with their progression so far. Keep attaining or aiming for the 25 / 25 everyone!



Science this term has been all about digestion and sound. The children have used investigations to discover how sound travels using vibrations using various materials and have carried out experiments to test out their theories. I have been incredibly impressed with their understanding of data, fair testing and that they are now able to predict what might happen in an experiment based on their prior knowledge - they have been drawing graphs to a really high standard too. The children are using key vocabulary really well now to explain what they are doing in more detail. Most importantly of all, the children love science, which is fabulous.





In their Spanish lessons, they have enjoyed speaking to each other, saying hello, asking their friend's name and how they are. They have learnt all about the nouns for family members and how to ask and reply to the question, 'do you have any siblings?' = ¿tienes hermanos?'



Mi familia



Mental Health and Well Being is always high on our priority list at Glenmere, and throughout this year, the children have been encouraged to take time to look after their well-being. The children have been continuing to use the Feelings Chart in class to enable us to identify anyone who needs support straight away. Our Personal Development lessons of PSHE and British Values help to remind the children about how important it is to accept everyone for who they are and all of the children are really clear about what our whole school values are. We have used the stories 'Dogs Don't Do Ballet' and 'Aalfred and Aalbert,' from our 'Everyone's Welcome' scheme to teach Individual Liberty and reinforce the protected characteristics of Civil Partnership. I'm always so impressed with their positivity, kindness towards one another and their understanding of these. To keep up to date with news, we also watch and interact with what is going on in the world with the Primary Picture News PowerPoints

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It is clear that year 4 really do like their sports. They have such a wonderful and varied interest in so many different sports inside and outside school. It is great that Glenmere can offer such a wide variety of sporting opportunities for the children to participate in and it has been great to see the children enjoy their PE lesson in dance, dodgeball, hockey and football. Keeping fit and healthy has been discussed in our PSHE and Personal Growth lessons too and all the children enjoyed 'Move It March!'



There have been so many different activities and experiences this term and the children have made so much progress with their learning. Thank you to you all for your support with everything you do at home with your children, especially for encouraging them to love learning at home as well as at school. It has been a wonderful and exciting term, so have a fabulous and restful Easter Holiday. Have fun!

