

LIFE IN CLASS 4

AUTUMN TERM

2017

We have all settled into life in Key Stage 2 very well and have worked hard this term.



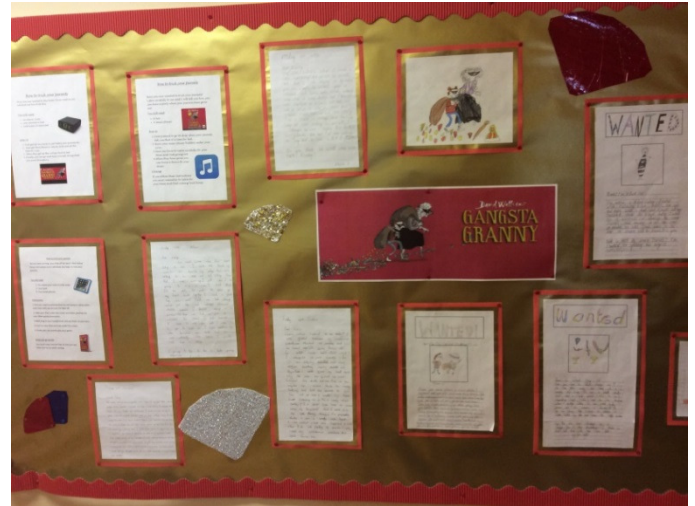
Over the 15 weeks we have enjoyed learning new and exciting facts throughout our topics.

LITERACY

In September we looked at the story, *Escape from Pompeii*. We were able to write sensory descriptions about Pompeii, use powerful verbs to describe how Tranio felt as the theatre shook, used a thesaurus to find words to write in our poems and retold the story using our own endings. When we had finished these, we used the laptops and typed them up, we really enjoyed reading our stories to the children in class 3.



We loved reading the book Gangsta Granny by David Walliams. During these sessions we wrote instructions on how to trick our parents, character descriptions, diary entries and we even created a Wanted poster for Granny and Ben.



ART

This term we have been looking at the artist Jackson Pollock. Using large sheets of paper in the hall we created our own masterpieces using his techniques. This was a really fun session and we enjoyed working in groups using paints



We have also looked at still life drawing and we had a trip to Seaham to sketch Tommy. This was a really tricky task but we all tried very hard.



SCIENCE

We have been little scientists this term and have had lots of time working on experiments. Rocks and fossils was our first topic and we had fun testing the different rocks. After this we worked on States of Matter and we were lucky to go to the Glass Centre in Sunderland and work with the staff there to produce our own glass coasters.



We drew our design on paper and then placed the glass tile on top. Once we had finished putting our colour on they were all put into a kiln.



We designed our own coasters using coloured glass frits!



We were lucky enough to be allowed to watch professional's create glass baubles.



In science we have also experimented making a volcanic eruption using water, vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and washing up liquid.



We even made animals from fruit and vegetables for the Beamish Agricultural Show.



Christmas is always a busy time in school and we had fun at our first ever Christmas disco, even if it was exhausting!

