# **LIFE IN CLASS 4**

# SPRING TERM

2018

We have had a magical term and have produced some excellent pieces of work throughout our exciting topics.





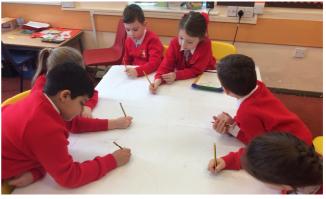
### **LITERACY**

This term Hogwarts came to St. Joseph's! Our classroom transformed into the set of Hogwarts and Diagon Alley along with having to pass through platform 9 ¼ to enter our magical learning centre. We have had an amazing time reading Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone. During the term we have made large story maps, character descriptions, instructions, diary entries, retelling certain parts of the story through the eyes of a character and have even made a school brochure for Hogwarts. We have loved this book and the characters so much that we are now reading the second book!



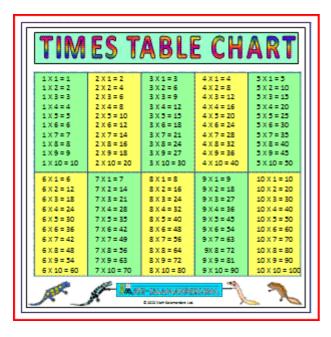




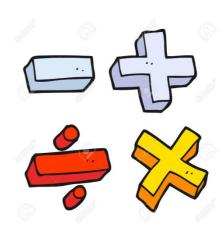




**NUMERACY** 



We have our own sorting hat that we use each week to change our table teams and we love the table of the week trophy!



We have become budding mathematicians and have been using our new skills to solve problems. During the term we have been working on short multiplication and have found out that it is really important that we know our times tables! We now know how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, read and record the time using 24hour format as well as using roman numerals. We can add and subtract money and have used Gringotts Bank for practical work using coins. Even after all of this we have revisited column addition and subtraction along with measurements and perimeter!

## ART & D.T

To keep in line with our Harry
Potter theme we made and
designed our own magic wands.
This was a really tricky task as we
had to get each wand to have
something individual about it as
Ollivander told us in Diagon Alley
"The wand chooses the owner!"
We had fun designing and making
these and have enjoyed duelling
during wet playtimes with each
other!



We have also made our own sorting hat using card and papier mache for our sorting ceremony each week.





This term we have been personal trainers and after learning all about our bodies and how to keep healthy, we were able to advise clients on the correct food and exercise to help them. We have looked at the different food groups and what they do to help support and repair our bodies as well as the food groups that we should only eat and drink from occasionally. Throughout the topic we have also looked at how our muscles work and how our bodies move with the support of the skeleton and the different muscle groups, we even know how our muscles are able to get the oxygen form the blood that they need when exercising. We really enjoyed the interactive quizzes that we played and we found out how to work as a team in order to win!

We can identify what animals are vertebrates or invertebrates.

Invertebrate vs. Vertebrate





We know that only plants can produce their own food.



Our topic this term has been about life in the Stone Age. During our lessons we have looked at the main events and used a timeline to record these. We have researched how people lived and the types of homes they had, what they wore and the materials they used and we also looked at the paintings they created and looked at the images that they drew. We also looked at Stonehenge which was built during Neolithic times.

#### **GEOGRAPHY**







## **MUSIC**

Throughout the term we have been learning about pitch and sound using boomwhackers. We are able to play songs as a group keeping in time and working as a team on the tables.

We also have found our love of singing and have really enjoyed learning the songs from the box office hit film The Greatest Showman. We have had such fun singing and dancing to these wonderful songs.









We were also given the amazing opportunity to perform a snappy opera at the Gala Theatre in Durham. Throughout the term we worked with musicians and actors on our production of The feast that went off with a bang. We had a fabulous time and felt amazing in the wonderful costumes that the class created. We enjoyed the whole experience so much that we had another performance in the school hall for special visitors and guests.

#### P.E

This term we have started swimming lessons at Seaview swimming pool. We have all made great progress as some of us were nervous about learning to swim. Since our first lesson we are all now able to swim while working on our technique or kick our way using floating aids across the pool. We had a really exciting last session before the Easter break and all had great fun using the floats and balls in the pool.







We were very lucky to have a taster session on Judo. It was fun learning the different techniques that are used and we enjoyed pinning our partners to the floor!



R.E



This has been a special time in the liturgical calendar and we were able to use an important section of it in our collective worship. We focused on the betrayal and emotional struggle Jesus went through in the garden of Gethsemane. During our whole school collective worship we used drama, readings, prayer and song to share the word, response and mission with the school.





Celebrating together 'A Day for Easter'. Coming together with Class 5 to enjoy food and drink just as Jesus did during the Last Supper.

We hope we can continue to create the same magic next term!