

Year 4 Learning Updates 2019/20

September 2019

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you had a restful summer and are ready to start a new term at Almond Hill with lots of new learning.

Our English focus in the first few weeks of the Autumn Term has been on Ted Hughes' Iron Man. The story is based on a mysterious robot who appears on a clifftop one dark night. We are concentrating on adventurous word choices, appropriate similes and fronted adverbials in our writing.



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In addition to this, in maths we shall be learning about: place value, rounding, the four operations, measures, data handling and perimeter.

End of September 2019

It's hard to believe September is almost over. We've been learning to round numbers and improve our sentence structures. The children have begun to write simple programs in Computing and have learnt sketching techniques and colour theory.



We shall be investigating dialogue punctuation with coloured boarder roll soon!

Use **red** border roll for actual speech

use **yellow** for all punctuation

use **green** for 'said' words

use **blue** to describe what they did as they said it



Children in Year 4 enjoyed a *brilliant* 'Faith Tour' last week.

Children were able to visit All Saints Parish Church, Guru Nanak Gurdwara and Jamia Masjid Gulshane Baghdad all in the same day.

They learned so much about the places of worship of the Christian, Muslim and Sikh religions and about some things that differ the faiths communities' values. Our children are growing up in a very 'small world' and such visits help learning about religion come alive and supports teaching respect for each other.



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November 2019

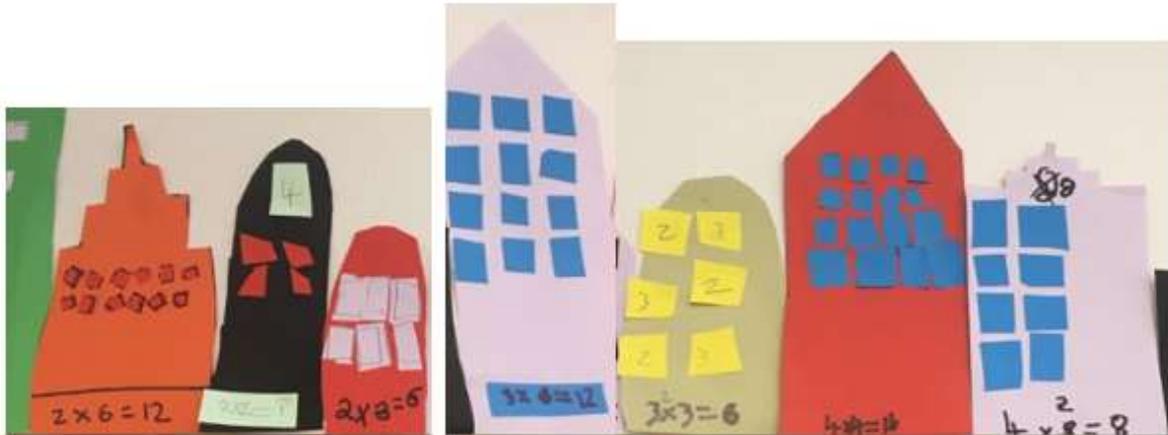


As part of our whole school Remembrance service, we created poppies out of recycled plastic bottles. Each child in Year 4 held their poppy during our two minutes' silence at 11 o'clock on 11th November to show their respect to those who have given their lives in battle.

Thank you to all the children and parents who donated plastic bottles to make this project possible. We will be displaying the poppies in the main entrance of the school as a lasting tribute.



Multiplication with Arrays



The children have enjoyed making an array city in Miss Coulter's class!

Mrs Lyons and Bond's classes have been improving their xylophone skills every week.

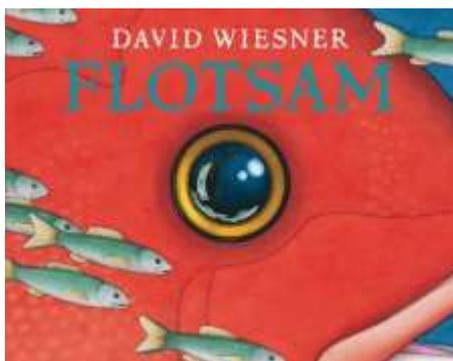
Practice has begun for our nativity show...watch this space.

Happy New Year from Year 4!



The Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed performing their carols to the parents and carers. Not to mention sewing their stockings, which were mysteriously filled with a treat on the last week.

We are gearing up to enter The Junior School Writing Project on the wonderful picture book Flotsam.



February 2020

Year 4 have enjoyed writing non-chronological reports about Komodo Dragons. This topic included imaginary interviews with Sir David Attenborough and finding a box of mystery objects from the late Professor Drake (disappeared whilst carrying out fieldwork).

Komodo Dragons



$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6}$$
$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{7}{12}$$



The children have looked at specific countries in Africa and look forward to finding out more about the cultures and traditions of this continent.

In maths, we have been linking decimals to fractions and getting used to the vocabulary numerator and denominator.