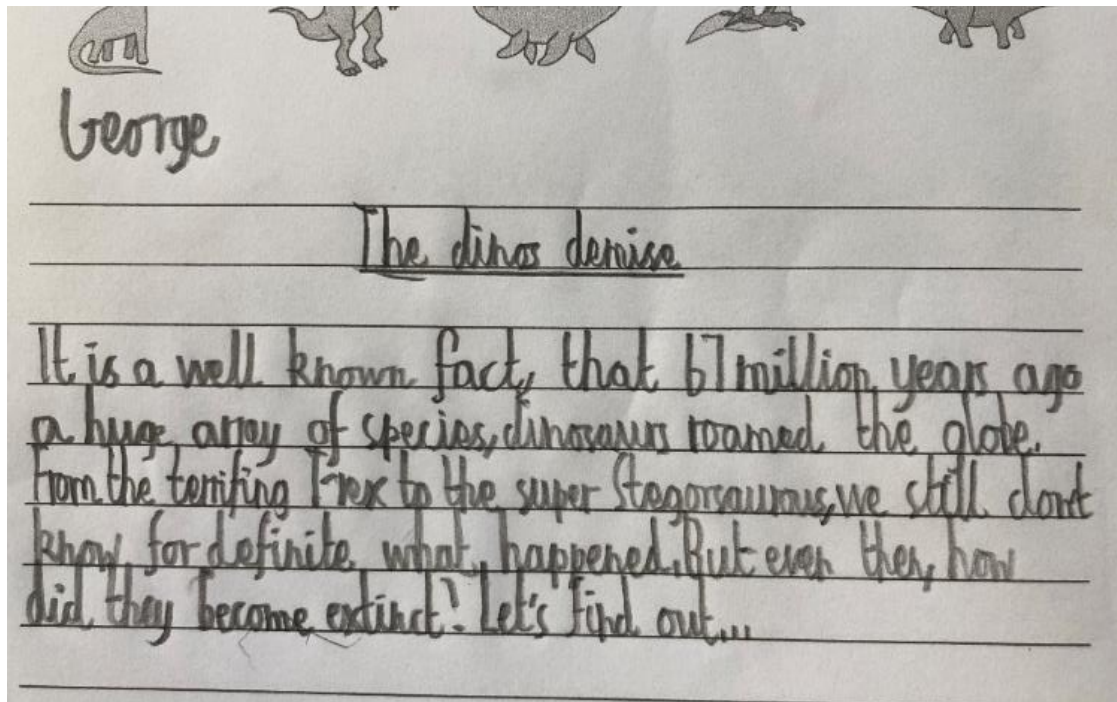


In English, we have been writing detailed explanations from how the dinosaurs became extinct, to how household appliances work! We have thought about including causal conjunctions to help us to explain clearly (consequently/hence/therefore/as a result). We have really tried to group our ideas into clear paragraphs to help the reader.



In PSHE, we have completed our three lessons for Relationships and Health Education. We were so proud of how respectful, thoughtful and mature the Year 4 children were during the discussions.









Our Science topic is still Animals Including Humans. We have been looking at how energy passes through food chains and have conducted a shocking experiment on teeth. The children predicted which liquids would be most detrimental to our teeth. Most felt that the sugary drinks would be the worst culprits however many did not consider the effects of acids. Worse still, acid and sugar – orange juice din din daaaa!



We have enjoyed revisiting written addition and subtraction in maths, using RUCSAC to solve problems. We have also discussed faster mental methods and are beginning to consider the best method to solve a problem.

### RUCSAC – Problem solving

<p><b>R</b>  <b>Read the question - the information we already have</b></p>	<p><b>U</b>  <b>Underline the key numbers and vocabulary</b></p>
<p><b>C</b>  <b>Choose the calculation</b> You might draw a picture or bar model to help you decide.</p>	<p><b>S</b>  <b>Solve... Do the calculations and see if it looks right</b> - Will the answer be bigger or smaller? - Roughly what will the answer be? (estimate) - How many digits will it have?</p>
<p><b>A</b>  <b>Answer... What does it mean? Refer back to the question</b></p>	<p><b>C</b>  <b>Check... Tick off what you have done. Have you completed all the steps?</b></p>

Sasha has £3.96 and Omar has £1.24p. How much do they have altogether?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{£}3.96 \\
 \text{£}1.24 \\
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Is the answer £5.2 or £5.20?

