



Year 4 Newsletter

7 June 2013



Unit Of Inquiry

We completed our unit on materials by creating our own 'Material Superhero'. The learners chose the qualities that their superhero would need, for example, absorbent, strong, transparent, and then chose materials and designed costumes accordingly. The learners reflected on their hero and described his or her powers based on the properties of the materials he or she was made of.

Our final Unit of Inquiry is titled 'Human survival is connected to understanding the continual changing nature of the earth'. We began our tuning in by creating mind-maps on what we already knew. The learners made a connection between the earth's changing nature and what they learned from the Year 6 exhibition. Next, they went to the library to select books to help us find out more. This past week we've been learning about various changes to the earth, such as natural disasters and temperature and weather changes.



Mathematics

The learners spent a few weeks focusing on probability and can tell you that it is certain they will enjoy their school holiday and it is unlikely they will miss their teachers...for the first week at least. They have been writing probability as a fraction and playing games of chance using dice, coins and coloured counters. We are ending the year revising concepts previously covered as well as spending time beginning to look at long multiplication and long division with remainders. Do make sure your child continues to revise their timetables over the school holiday and continues to make use of Mathletics.

Literacy

The learners have finished publishing their Greek myths and have enjoyed sharing them with their peers. Lately, they have written some fantastic limericks. Our 'Material Superheroes' were looking a little lonely on the wall outside our classroom so the learners wrote a limerick about them. Stop by and read them if you want to have a good laugh.

Jungle Book

Ms Anu and Ms Mandich have watched all of Year 4 become confident presenters this year. It has been a pleasure to showcase some of that creative confidence through our two wolf dances. Our six learners with speaking roles have shown commitment to learning their lines and are looking forward to the performance. A huge thank you to the parents who donated their time and skills in making our costumes. They look fantastic!

Thank you for the support you have provided in making this year successful. We hope you have a relaxing holiday and we wish all our learners luck as they move forward into the next academic year.



Reminders:

Any remaining library or reading books need to be returned to school ASAP

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| Thursday, 13 June | Year 6 Assembly at 8.40 am
Mufti Day (\$1 donation) - children to wear uniform to school and bring their mufti clothes to change into |
| Friday, 14 June | Last day of term children finish at 12 pm |
| Monday, 12 August | Start of next academic year |

If your child is absent from school, please contact Student Services, studentservices@nexus.edu.sg, at your earliest convenience, and provide them with your child's name, class and the reason for his or her absence. Student services will then pass these details onto us. Student Services will follow up any absences that remain unexplained after 9.00am each day.