

ALBION TIMES

A NEWSPAPER BY THE CHILDREN FOR THE CHILDREN

Welcome to the Winter 2017 edition of the Albion Times. Reporters have worked very hard to bring you the latest news from around our school. We hope you enjoy it once more! Have a fantastic winter holiday.

Volcanoes



We have been learning all about volcanoes this term. We made our own in class using plastic bottles and newspaper and then we painted them. We took them onto our balcony, and used vinegar, baking soda and food colouring to

make them erupt! We loved watching the red lava fizz out from the tops.

Reported by Jade Class

PGL Pandemonium!

At the end of November, some of the Year 5s and 6s went to PGL. During the day, the children didn't hold back and went full swing into a variety of activities: zip-lining, archery, Giant Swing, abseiling and raft building to name a few. Whilst the day brought many adventures, the night entailed further exciting escapades, from survivor and campfires, to robot wars and a grooovy disco! Fun was had by all; bring on next year!



Reported by Navy Class

Exploring Africa



This term we went to the Horniman Museum to take part in an African workshop. We learnt about their traditions, toys and the stories behind what they wear. We

were even allowed to dress up in some of the Kente cloth which is worn by both women and men across Africa. We had a great time and really enjoyed exploring the grounds after the workshop.

Reported by Sapphire Class

The Imperial War Museum

Violet Class visited the museum as part of our WW2 topic. We were able to experience how it would have felt to be in an Anderson shelter during air raids. The different sirens told people what to do and when it was safe again. We were able to see letters that had been written during this time and learned how children and adults had to deal with the worry of war and survival. There was a picture of a Squander bug, which was used for target practice to help to stop waste. The museum is a fantastic place to go and we highly recommend a visit.

We drew our own Squander bugs to remind



us to recycle.

Reported by Violet Class

Marvellous Maths Days

Year 2 joined together to take part in Maths Day. We had the chance to join in with lots of different activities related to shape and space.



Describing shapes, making 3D shapes with straws, looking for shapes in pictures and programming bee-bots were just some of the fun activities we completed. We can't wait for the next one!

Reported by Lemon Class

Where is Santa?

The children in the nursery saw a special Christmas show called 'Where is Santa?' by Theatrebugs. This was an interactive show where the children were involved in helping to find Santa who was lost on the day he had to deliver presents. There were many laughs, songs, rhymes and opportunities to have a go at acting. What a fun afternoon!



Reported by Rainbow Class

Funky Junk!



Junkman came and showed the children how to make lots of instruments out of recyclable items. The children also got a chance to play together as a band to create some fun music. Elsa said, "My favourite instrument is a shaker." Nathaniel said, "I liked the drumming."

Reported by Ruby Class

Albion Ahoy!

On the 22nd November, Indigo class went to visit the Cutty Sark and the Maritime Museum as part of our topic, 'The Docks.'



Children learned about the history of maritime technology – from communications and transport to weaponry – and learned about the different roles people have on a ship.

Children went on a boat simulator and tried to steer it into different famous docks around the world (they only crashed twice!) and also took part in a fun map reading activity which involved a giant interactive map.

A fun day was had by all.

Reported by Indigo Class



Migration Week

Scarlet Class read the story 'Ice in the Jungle' for Migration week. The children really enjoyed building boats to travel to different countries. Anaya said, "I am going to India in my boat." We also made suitcases and children drew which special things they would take. Leo said, "I will take my cars and toy fire engine."

Reported by Scarlet Class

Fun Day Out for All!



Buttercup Class visited Tower Bridge on the 13th of December. It was great fun! We got to see inside the engine room and learnt lots of facts about the furnace, piston, cogs and bascules. We would definitely go back again!

Reported by Buttercup Class

Fantasy That!



Year 1 have been very busy this term. In English we have been writing fantasy stories and creating fantasy settings. In English we read the story 'The Gruffalo' by one of our favourite authors Julia Donaldson. Amber enjoyed going on our very own Gruffalo hunt around the school. We then wrote wonderful recounts all about the journey we had been on.

Reported by Amber Class

Even More Fantasy...



To further help us with our ideas, Year 1 all went on a visit to the Discovery Centre in Stratford where we explored other Julia Donaldson stories, like Room on the Broom and Monkey Puzzle. Patrick said, "The best bit was when we went in the secret cave and there was the Gruffalo sitting on a log!"

Reported by Tangerine Class

Rocking Romans

At the beginning of this term, Year 4 journeyed to Kent on a coach to learn more about life in Roman Britain. We explored the remains of a real Roman Villa, saw their magnificent

mosaics, the Roman baths and we even dressed up in traditional clothing (which was really



itchy!). We learnt about what the Roman Britons ate and saw their remains! It was a fantastic day to end our Roman Britain topic.

Reported by Turquoise Class

Magic Lanterns



To kick off the Illuminate Rotherhithe festival, Year 3 made beautiful paper lanterns with Jo Naylor (our artist in residence) and in class. They went on

a magical walk around Rotherhithe with them after school. "I was so proud of my class," exclaimed Emma.

Reported by Emerald Class