

MERLIN CLASS

AUTUMN TERM



During the first half term we learnt about endangered animals in our topic '**Here Today, Gone Tomorrow**' where we focused on some of the most endangered species in the world.





We visited Marwell Wildlife Park, where we managed to meet some of these animals face to face.



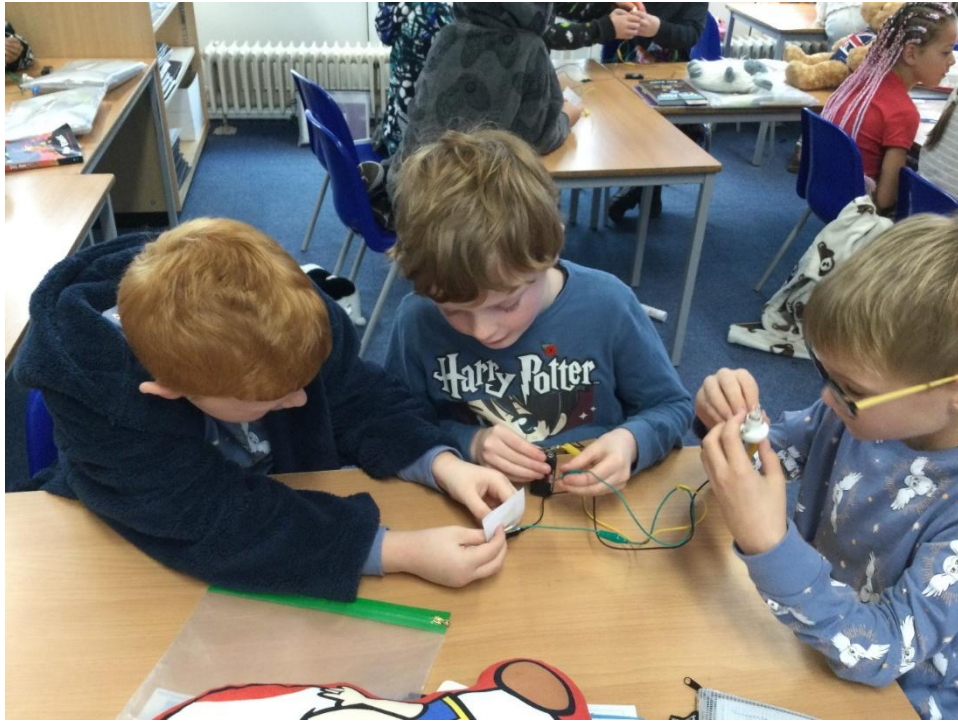


We had a **ROARSOME** time writing instructions about how to look after these animals.

After half term, we explored the world of magical stories in our topic 'The Lost Happy Endings'. We looked at setting descriptions and wrote our own happy ending to the story.



In science, we investigated electrical circuits so we could design and create torches help us read in the dark.



We also designed and made our very own soft toys in our DT lessons.



SPRING TERM

We started the new year looking at the magical world of Harry Potter, in our topic 'Heroes of Hogwarts'. We had a wizardly day investigating changes in materials using our new found magic!



We made our own
Potion Poems and
Mirror of Erised!





Our topic finished with a **special** trip up to the Warner Brothers studio to explore EVERYTHING that is Harry Potter related. It truly was **magical**!





During the second half of our Spring Term, we took a closer look at 'Fabulous Fiji', celebrating everything Fijian. The inspiration for our writing came from the Disney film Moana. This helped us write some fantastic biographies about her.





During this topic, we were also visited by members of the school 'Fijian Community' who came in and taught the children all about island life and the traditions and customs of their country.



SUMMER TERM

For the first half term our topic was called '**There's No Place Like Home**' with the focus being on the local area. We used our visits to Emsworth and Chichester to create persuasive leaflets all about the beautiful town of Emsworth, or the magnificent city of Chichester.





We compared Emsworth Baptist church in Emsworth and the Cathedral in Chichester as part of our RE, learning about places of worship. In our Art & DT, we designed and made a souvenir box of fudge and practised our photography skills.

Our second Summer Term topic was 'MEET THE GREEKS'. Throughout the topic, we learned a great deal about a variety of ancient Greek myths and mythical beats and gods.

As a hook to the topic, we had a fun day, spent as an Ancient Greek. We made Greek theatre masks out of clay and tried the foods that they would have eaten in Greece, such as flatbreads, humus, olives and Feta Cheese!



We had a visit from a local historian who taught us many interesting facts about the Ancient Greeks, and also showed us some Greek artifacts. We used our artist techniques and drew them with chalk pastels.





Throughout this year we have really enjoyed learning how to play the clarinet and performing to the rest of the school as well as our parents.



STEM Week

We had a very exciting week exploring all things STEM related. On Monday, we designed and created the tallest tower using only paper and sticky tape. On Tuesday, we created birds nests to hold and protect 2 eggs from the wind and rain. Lastly, on Friday, we spent a whole day exploring air resistance, designing aerodynamic planes and then exploring surface area and making our own parachutes.





