



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Year 4

## Learning Journey: A day in the Life of...

### Our Learning Journey

It was great to welcome the children back and dive straight into our next Learning Journey of “A Day in the Life of ... Nelson Mandela.” We began on the Monday by using our Imagining Tool to help us write postcards after we “visited” Mandela’s childhood home of Qunu to practise writing in the present perfect tense. Then we trained our abilities in using adverbials by writing personal statements to apply to Mandela’s university of Fort Hare. We extended our ability to use the present perfect tense by writing suggested lines for Mandela and Tambo’s lawyers’ firm before using conditional sentences to offer suggestions and advice to people involved in the struggle against apartheid.

We have begun to learn about how South Africa came into being through colonisation and the unfair treatment of the area’s native people by European powers, which is helping us empathise with Mandela and his fellow comrades.

Maths has seen us work towards improving our abilities to use the language of, classify and describe the properties of 2D shapes. We still need a bit of work in using the vocabulary to talk about shapes but we are getting there!

### Home Learning

Thank you for returning your Learning Logs it was really interesting to see your children’s interviews. We’ll be sending the Learning Logs out on Monday as the class teachers are out on Friday.

Please help your children identify shapes and have them explain the features of those shapes to support the development of their thinking and vocabulary surrounding geometry by talking about the sides and corners of shapes, whether angles are right angles (90°), acute or obtuse, counting sides to help identify the polygons. And of course, there’s Times Tables Rock Stars.



### Our Learning Toolkit

We’ve been Making Links in our reading lessons to help us infer and find word meanings in context.

### Dates for your Diary

#### Half Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.  
Children return to school: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

#### KS2 Celebration Assemblies

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

### Christmas Charities

Thank you to everyone who supported our chosen charities.

#### What we raised:

- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day: **£195**
- Chose Love/Help Refugees: **£424.19**



### Friends

#### Meeting

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January.  
2pm @ the Primary School  
All Welcome.

