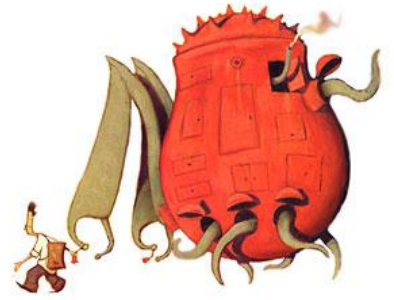


This term we have written in a number of different styles. To go with our Battle of Britain theme – we read the fictional diary of a 9-year-old girl who lived through the second world war. We produced diary entries of the evacuees who went to live with her. We have also done some persuasive writing: producing an adoption advertisement for a mysterious “Lost Thing” inspired by Shaun Tan’s book of the same name. We loved creating and describing our own fantastic creatures. We have now started to explore the amazingly creative world of the fantastic books of Mr Morris Lessmore. We have enjoyed exploring the expressive language paired with clever illustrations which show the pleasure Morris gets out of spending time with his books.



We continue to enjoy using TT rock stars and the pupils who practise the most are making the most progress. Over the whole school 5 of the fastest top 6 are from sycamore class, including first and second. The fastest answers questions correctly in 0.45 seconds. Of these fastest pupils two are from year 5 and two are from year 4- brilliant. Mrs Peel is going to run a TTrock star club to allow pupils times to use the programme who don't have as much time at home. Maths has included fractions and graphs. In fractions we have compared and ordered them, we can simplify.

In science we have been learning about materials. We have designed experiments to show that gas has a weight. We have investigated which substances are soluble or insoluble and are starting to become confident in displaying our results as bar charts and line graphs.



In our theme lessons we have been concentrating on history. We learnt about the Battle of Britain. We examined different sources of information about the battle and started to think about their reliability. We have also been learning about the Maya civilisation and their role in the discovery of chocolate. We learned about the City of Chichen Itza and were horrified at the bloodthirsty sports the Maya played there. We had a great time visiting York's Chocolate Story and particularly enjoyed making the authentic Maya chocolate drink Xocolatl, even though it is flavoured with chilli!

Duathlon event at Craven Pool was great fun, where we all swam and then ran around the park. We are impressed by our swimmers who attended the three events for local schools in the area. Celebration assembly allowed our pupils to share achievements outside of school and there are so many- Gargrave United, rugby and cubs / brownies are all popular for our pupils.