

## Welcome to Year 4

During our topic on **World War 2**, we travelled to Cosford Air Museum on the train, dressed as evacuees.



We had fun in the school room, finding out what life was like during the war.



On **Roald Dahl Day**, we came to school dressed as our favourite Roald Dahl characters, and enjoyed special activities in class.



**Health Week** was lots of fun!



We enjoyed Circuit Training with Mrs Ward and some of her students from the High School...

...we made tasty fruit kebas...

...and we started work on our Dance Festival Routine with Helen Taylor, ready to perform at the High School in February.



Our **Class Assembly** was all about Going for Goals. We thought about how, with a little bit of courage and determination, things that initially seem daunting and difficult can actually turn out to be fun and exciting.



We put this into practice during our Residential Trip to **Kingswood** Activity Centre! We had a go at everything, and returned home feeling exhausted but very proud of ourselves!







**Book Week** was very busy! We had a visit from the librarians, shared some stories with Year 1, watched "The Greatest Book Show On Earth" and enjoyed some Bedtime Stories whilst dressed in our pyjamas!

Here we are acting out Julius Caesar with the Young Shakespeare Company!



We responded in a variety of creative ways to "The Seven Adventures of Sinbad the Sailor".



The week finished with **Sponsor Day** when we took part in lots of Maths and English Activities, whilst dressed in comedy costumes to mark Red Nose Day!



We have had lots of fun in our topic on **Invaders and Settlers**, and have journeyed through time from the Celts to the Vikings, stopping off with the Romans and Anglo-Saxons en route!

- ❖ Visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/celts/> to build a hillfort, design a torc or create a Celtic Cartoon!

Here we are learning how to be slaves at Wroxeter Roman City.



- ❖ Click on the Roman Soldier to find information and play games relating to the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.





- ❖ We visited Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery to see part of the Anglo-Saxon treasure discovered near Lichfield in 2009. It was named "The Staffordshire Hoard",

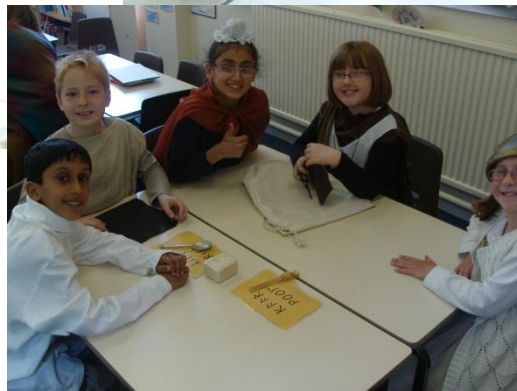


and a further 81 items of treasure were found in 2012. Whilst we were at the BMAG, we also learnt first-hand what it is like to be an archaeologist, as we hunted for treasure using metal detectors and trowels! You can find more information by visiting



<http://www.staffordshirehoard.org.uk/event/see-it-in-birmingham>

- ❖ Viking Day in May was excellent! Gregolf the Viking visited us and we handled replica artefacts including weapons and armoury, played traditional games, traded Viking wares, used runes, made jewellery and listened to a myth.



Click on the Viking longship to play "Viking Quest", which takes you back to AD 793. Can you build a ship, cross the seas, loot a monastery and return home to claim your prize? Your chief has set the challenge, it's up to you to respond!



**Eco Week** was another special time for us in Year 4. We learnt about biodiversity and also investigated how to save energy and money by using heat reflectors behind the radiators.



Our time at Birches is coming to an end, and although we feel sad, we are also excited about the future. There is still lots to do before we go though!

We really enjoy our weekly **Violin and Cello Lessons** and we're looking forward to taking part in a concert with pupils from other schools in a couple of weeks.



We'll be taking part in a **Multiskills Festival** at Bilbrook Middle School at the end of **Sports Week**, running a stall at the **Summer Fayre** and watching the **CBSO** perform at Symphony Hall in Birmingham, not to mention our TOP SECRET rehearsals for our **Leavers' Evening** in July...! All will be revealed...!