

# Coconut Crab Class

April 2024



Spring term is here, the sun is out and the snow has well and truly gone!

The final term of the year started in English with a reading of the sci-fi adventure "Space Oddity", in which a young lad goes on an amazing adventure with his father, an alien who crash landed on Earth after having heard the aforementioned song by David Bowie in his spaceship! We accompanied a fun reading of this book with technical diagrams, persuasive writing and a lengthy narrative piece. We also delivered a lesson to the younger children about BSL (British Sign Language) after deciding to find out more about it when the aliens in the book use smells to communicate with each other! The younger children practised some of the signs with each other after S designed and delivered an excellent lesson.

Mr David has taught a unit on Roald Dahl to our older student, and this has included detailed studies of George's Marvelous Medicine, the Twits and Matilda. In addition to grammar and vocabulary activities based on these books, there have been regular reading comprehensions and other writing activities. The younger student has done work based upon books such as Diary of a Wombat and Paper Bag Princess. Both students are making encouraging progress.

In Mathematics we have been working further through our KS3 curriculum, focusing on number work, orders of operations and fractions, decimals and percentages. New concepts we encountered were standard form, multiplying and dividing powers and operations involving two numbers less than 1.

Science saw us working on our biology unit, studying the skeleton, organ systems, cell structures and using our new microscope to study small organisms in exceptional detail!

In IPC we have moved onto our final unit of the year, that being "Balance". We have looked at symmetrical and asymmetrical balance in art, studied and practiced taking photographs of Rokkasho in balanced dimensions and even designed and created our own sculptures. We used a range of materials to create different forms to represent an idea associated with balance. We also looked at a range of demographic maps to answer the question "just how balanced are our major cities?"

