Year 4C - Autumn Half Term (September to October 2018)

Do you believe in Magic?

**English**During English lessons we have been looking at the book ‘The Spiderwick Chronicles’ by Tony Diterlizzi. Using our inference skills, we looked at how characters feel based on their actions and used evidence from the text using PEE (Point, Evidence and Explanation).  
As part of our writing, we became authors! We designed a new magical story based on our fantasy genre and created our own setting and characters. We were able to apply our new knowledge of punctuating speech and expanding nouns using ambitious vocabulary and synonyms.

Please come and have a read of our stories that we have enjoyed writing.  
  
**Maths**

In Maths we have been learning about place value with numbers up to 4 digits. The children developed their estimation skills within place value to place numbers approximately on a number line. From this children were able to confidently move onto rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Y4C are now using their place value knowledge to calculate addition and subtraction sums, with upto 4 digit numbers. We have worked hard developing our growth mind-set to be able to work out our problem solving and reasoning. We are becoming much more resilient and confident to give things a go!

**Science and Design and Technology.**

In Science we have been investigating electricity! We were asked to provide the commentary for a video clip about electricity for Lynnfield TV to explain how electricity can be generated. Using our knowledge we learnt how to draw and create circuits and carried out an investigation as to what materials are conductors or insulators.  
  
Due to the Boggart making quite the mess in our classroom, we have decided to create our very own Boggart traps using electrical components! We have been given a bulb, battery, a buzzer and wires. Together as a group we planned, designed and evaluated our products to see if they would catch the Boggart effectively. The children confidently explained how their electrical circuit will work and give an alert once the Boggart is trapped. School Council and Mrs. Sharpe will judge our designs.

**French**

Bonjour!  
We have really enjoyed our French lessons this year. Every morning we respond to the register in French and express how we are feeling.  
We are becoming more confident in using adjectives to describe our physical appearance. We are able to hold a conversation in French and ask questions to one another.  
We are now focussing on using alternative pronouns such as il/elle to be able to describe members of our family.  
Salut!

**SMSC**

In SMSC as part of the British Values, we have held our own School Council election. Children prepared a speech and voted for the Chair person and vice chairperson of Y4W. We are delighted that Zi Na and Andrew represent our pupil voice. To recognise right and wrong and understanding the law of society, Year 4 decided to create their own law. We discussed how our actions cam impact on ourselves and others. Therefore, as part of a shared discussion we decided on three main laws  
 of Y4W that we will work together to abide.

**Art and Design**In Art and Design this half term, Miss Flounders taught the children about Picasso and his influence in art to create self-portraits. The children used paints and learnt how to change the tone of the colours through colour mixing. The children then took pictures of themselves to create a self-portrait, changing the tone of colours to colour. Influenced from our class book, Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone, the children used Harry Potter to create an abstract picture of them. For their final piece of Art, the children used pastels for their art work. The children invited their parents/carer into school to view their Art Gallery so that everyone could see their fantastic work!