

News from Class 4

We have continued this half term, to find out about local people who have become famous, discovering how they have had an impact on the lives of others in our area and around the world. We have learnt about famous local businessmen and inventors such as: William Wailes, the stained glass manufacturer; Robert Stephenson who designed the High Level Bridge; and Thomas Bewick, a wood engraver, who became famous for his illustrations and books on the natural world. We've also turned the spotlight on ourselves, coming to understand that we too are capable of great things. We've been inventing, constructing and creating. Inspired by the work of our local heroes, we have turned our hand to printing and have constructed bridges. Who knows, one day one of us may do or create something that changes the lives of others for the better, making us famous too.



Local Heroes 2

This half term's creative challenges have seen many Creative Camels and Imaginative Iguanas getting Super Learning Power awards. We incorporated sheep and wool related ideas or picked up on what it is to be part of our school in our Shaun the Sheep designs that went on sale in our Bede Gallery at the end of term.

Like Stephenson designing the High Level Bridge, we designed and constructed our own bridges to span a river. We had to consider how we could ensure that our structure was stable and could carry a heavy load. We worked tirelessly in Buddy's Inspiration Room to use or plans to construct Lego bridges, which we then tested and appraised.

Not content with using Lego, we turned our hand to woodwork to measure and saw lengths of doweling to construct a wooden bridge as a class. We learnt to use a small handsaw, vice and bench hook to cut the pieces accurately and safely. We think our completed piece is a masterpiece.



Construction Crew



Maths

We have had our multiplication check and are very pleased with ourselves for what we have achieved. Whether we smashed it or still have a bit more practice to do, we are all very proud of the effort we made to learn our facts to 12 X 12; we know the rapid recall of these facts will come in very handy in Year 5.

We have been expanding our knowledge of shape, identifying angles and naming different triangles and other 2D and 3D shapes.

Our use of fractions has really developed as we are now more competent in adding and subtracting them and finding a fraction of an amount.

English

We are published authors! We have drafted, edited, revised and published our abandoned building stories. Working on the use of expanded noun phrases, and simile and metaphor, we brought our stories to life with detailed description. Our use of dialogue is used to move the story on.

We used short sentences to create tension to get our readers' hearts racing.

Our story booklets will be on display in the library for all to enjoy.

Just ask for an autograph

