



Year 4 Turtles

Since our last report, it has been a privilege to watch the Turtles flourish in so many different aspects of school life. On both school outings and when welcoming visitors, the Turtles have truly reflected our Sandgate Values and are growing into increasingly mature members of our community.

Over the course of the last few terms, the Turtles have had many opportunities to show just how versatile they can be as effective writers. From recounts to discussions and narratives to poetry, Year 4 have really been putting their writing skills to the test. As we move further through the year, a greater emphasis is being placed on how effective writers work on their first draft through the editing stage of writing, making sure that our Everyday Toolkit is being used as well as any genre specific tools necessary to create an effective piece.

In Maths, we have been building on our knowledge of place value and fractions to introduce the decimal system, including the use of place value grids to represent and convert fractions to decimals. The Turtles have been seeing how decimals can be built and used in number sentences. We are continuing to consolidate our times tables knowledge (up to 12×12), always trying to increase the speed in which we can recall these important number facts.

In Science, we have been enhancing our understanding of the digestive system (with some very messy investigations to match). The children have also shone in the role of a politician as we explored how we as British citizens can make a difference to the world we live in.

With many events such as visits to the local secondary school for Valentine's Day Art; coaching from Harry Nunn and High 5 Gymnastics; baking cakes; making a stir-fry and our action-packed STEM day, the last two terms have definitely been packed full with excitement.

