

It has been all go in 40 and we have been perfecting our skills across the curriculum.

In English, we started the year by writing non-chronological reports based on the Anglo-Saxons. Following this, we read the story of 'Beowulf' which inspired us to write defeating the monster narratives set in Galleywood. We had fantastic fun with these as our hero had to be someone from our local community - some were quite unlikely!

After half term, our topic changed to 'Sustainability' and we were fascinated by the work of Greta Thunberg. We studied some of her speeches and analysed the way in which she uses emotive language to persuade others of her point of view about climate change. Making use of some of her words and phrasings, we wrote persuasive letters to the 'Giants of the World' to ask them to reconsider their treatment of our planet.

In Art lessons, we used carrier bags and plastics to produce a piece of weaving. Wow- what a learning curve this was! We demonstrated resilience and excellent teamwork as this proved a fiddly task - we were delighted with our results though.

We are becoming times tables whizzes in Maths lessons as we use multi-sensory approaches to learning, retaining and recalling our multiplication tables. Huge progress has been made with this already.

Our regular visits to Manor Lodge are eagerly anticipated and very well-enjoyed. The children have shared the residents' Life Story Books with them and they have participated in a Movement to Music class together too. Lots of meaningful friendships have already been forged which is wonderful for staff to witness. The pictures below show the

residents receiving the calendars that the children made them as Christmas presents. We have three visits planned for the Spring term too - so much to look forward to.



Heart of hope

Wondrous body of light
Soundlessly shepherding us
Through the opal night,
Illuminating our path
Cheering us onwards.

Screwed in the topaz dome,
Offering love *
We are your acolytes,
Reassuring us *
You are sublime.

Heavenly heart of hope,
Soothing us,
We obey you,
Majestic!

By Lola C40



Richard saved Galleywood

Situated in the flourishing city of Chelmsford the beautiful village of Galleywood was a happy area the whole area got used to the warmth. From the green great grass to the friendly faces, Galleywood had so much to offer. There were the creme de la creme of schools too (best of the best) Galleywood was a little piece of heaven in the east of England.

But in the dim shadows of Galleywood there was a perilous creature that was made up of little pieces of the Underworld. With a hairy body and a clown head it scuttled into happy, joyful places and destroyed anything in its way. A little bit later it was face to face with a dog! The owner of the dog jumped in the way but the monster gorged on the owner and ate the dog up in one gulp. As the monster had shot oozing out his ugly nose he was looking for fun but he didn't see any fun so he just decided to eat people. It was surrounded by police but the monster ate them too. It was