

## St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Ipswich

## `Living and Learning through Faith`



July 2025



Year 4



In DT, our topic was Electrical Systems. We learned about the inventor Samuel Bagno before asking ourselves the question— How useful are switches? We also had to create a game with a circuit.



We loved our share afternoon. The children relished having a grown up to work with and share their creative ideas. There were many beautiful doves, stained glass windows and crucifixes and there were lots of proud artists around the room.



In RE we enjoyed learning about Peter and Jesus, exploring the Apostles' Creed, the structure of the Church and what is meant by the Communion of Saints.

We also enjoyed sharing our learning at the celebration assembly as well as preparing our Year 4 Class Liturgy.



Our Anglo Saxon explorer session, where we learned all about archaeology and handled some artefacts, was great fun. We also worked with sieves to experience a test excavation.

In Maths, we have studied Money and Shape. There was lots of comparing, converting and calculating with money, as well as identifying angles and developing our knowledge about triangles, quadrilaterals and polygons. We have also been plotting co-ordinates and translating on a grid. We have worked very hard this term and made great progress in Maths.

In English, our main focus this term has been developing our writing. Using the book 'The Lion and the Unicorn' as our stimulus, we enjoyed learning about children who were evacuees. We thought about character's feelings, wrote diary entries in role and used prepositions and personified verbs. We finished with a retell of the story and produced some outstanding stories. We have also looked at the book 'The Crown' and thought about the impact of not taking care of our environment. We wrote comparison sentences, designed a new crown and wrote a descriptive poem with similes and prepositional phrases.

In History our topic has been Ancient Egypt. This has really caught our imagination and we have really enjoyed learning about the earliest civilisations, how the Ancient Egyptians used the River Nile, where they lived, how they wrote and what they believed in.

Finally, great progress has been made in our weekly swimming lessons at Crown Pools this term. We have worked extremely hard and we have all developed our confidence and skills in the water.