



Marvellous Mural

We were very excited to welcome Lily Hammond to St Matthew's to work with the children in Year 4 and Year 5 to create our marvellous mural in the library. Lily worked with Year 4 to design the mural – they thought about the different animals which could be found in a rainforest. Lily showed the children how to draw their favourites. Year 5 children were really excited to paint alongside her. A huge thank you to Mr Hammond for applying to the 'Thomas Wolsey 550' project.



And how it was created...



Maths in the World of Work

On Tuesday 28th January, St Matthew's welcomed visitors into school to share how they use maths in their job.

EYFS

Each class set up a librarian role play in which the children found numbers within books and then wrote them. The children talked about days of the week so they knew when books should be returned. The children made library cards with 'ID' numbers. They counted returned books, made number representations on ten frames with manipulatives, and found the numbers on a number line too.



Year 1

Year 1 were visited by Matt who works at BT Adastral Park. He told the children he uses numbers in this job. All the children made an ID card with their employee number. Matt told the children how telephones work. The children all deigned their own mobile phone which could have extra features.



Year 2

Year 2 met James who owns an off road Bike Trail Park near Ipswich. The children were told about how he uses maths to ensure the trails give the riders the most challenge. The children designed their own bike trails by measuring different distances.



Year 3

Year 3 were visited by Kelly who runs her own travel agency. The children created holiday activities with child and adult prices, promoted trips to the rest of the class and worked out budgets for the trips, seeing what we could afford to do with the money we had.



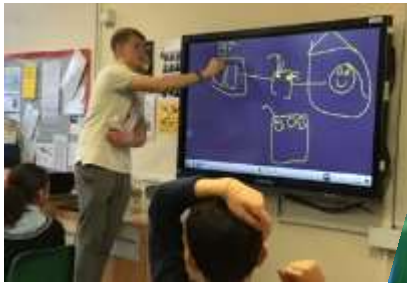
Year 4

Graham came to talk to Year 4 about his job at BT Adastal Park. He told them how he uses maths when coding and using AI. He also spoke about the use of data: collecting it and presenting it in different graphs. He set the children the challenge to use different graphs to represent some data.



Year 5

Jack came to see Year 5; he spoke to the children about how he had used maths whilst being a roofer – calculating the area of roofs. He is now a software developer at BT. He shared how we are all connected through numbers and then he set the children the Monty Hall Problem where they had to use probability.



Year 6

Andrew Robinson visited Year 6 to talk about the maths that he uses in his accountancy role. He talked about income, expenditure and tax, explaining how this affects us in everyday life and especially in business. He explained how businesses need to ensure that their accounts are correct and that they are paying the correct amount of tax, employing accountants to do this. In his role he uses a lot of basic number knowledge, calculations and problems solving.



People Who Help Us

The children in EYFS have been finding out about people who help us in our local community. They have been visited by the Police, a Paramedic and the Fire Fighters.



The Hare and the Tortoise

On Monday 24th February, Year 3 watched the New Wolsey Theatre production of The Hare and the Tortoise. Year 3 were their first audience and were asked to provide feedback to the actors and the director. It was an amazing production and our children thoroughly recommend it.

