

This term, Year 4 have been studying the topic 'Protect our Planet'. We have covered many areas such as recycling, ocean pollution, deforestation and what we can do to make a difference. When asked what his favourite thing was about our topic so far, Rowan said, "I loved planning and creating our own animations all about deforestation, it's so important not to destroy our animals' homes."

#### Trip to Madley Environmental Centre



This term, Year 4 at Sutton Primary Academy have been lucky enough to visit Madley Environmental Centre on a school trip. The activities linked perfectly with our current topic and we learnt all about the importance of taking care of our planet and all of the creatures that live in it. Our favourite activity of the day was pond dipping, the children had the opportunity to take a closer look at the wildlife in the pond and use classification keys to identify what they

had found! When asked what her favourite thing about the trip was, Naomi said, "I loved doing the pond dipping because we got to see different water creatures in their natural habitat and work in groups with our friends."

#### Gardening and plant sale

During our enrichment sessions, the children have been working hard to grow their own plants. We were lucky enough to receive a selection of seeds from the 'Growing Local' project for the children to grow from scratch. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed growing their own plants from seeds and learning all about the processes along the way. The children decided to hold their very own plant sale using the plants they had grown and a selection donated from local businesses in order to raise funds to buy more gardening equipment for the school. The plant sale was a huge success and raised £118.50.



#### Jubilee celebrations



Prior to half term, Year 4 took part in the whole school jubilee celebration and had a wonderful time learning a song for the performance, our song was called, 'trooping the colour,' and we had a wonderful time learning lots of actions to go with the music and lyrics. The pupils also spent some time decorating their own pebbles which were displayed at

the event. We had a wonderful time celebrating our Queen and enjoyed learning facts all about her reign.

#### Fundraising for 'The Little Princess Trust'



More recently, Year 4 (along with the rest of the school) had a fun-filled day fundraising for 'The Little Princess Trust' charity. The children were invited to come in with funky hair styles for our very own 'Funky Hair Funday.' The day was a huge success raising over £245 for this wonderful local charity, thank you to all of the parents for supporting our fundraising efforts.

