



Curriculum Highlights Autumn 1

Year R

It was so lovely to see the children and get to know our new families during the Year R home visits. We really enjoyed seeing so many of our Bassett Green Balloons that were put on the doors to greet us.



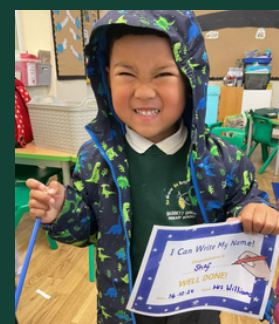
The children completed their own 'all about me' box, that were given out on the home visits. They have been taking it in turns to share their box with their class, speaking about how they have decorated their box and the special things they put inside. This supported them to develop their confidence and speaking and listening skills as well as everyone getting to know each other.

The children loved listening to the story of Elmer. We had lots of fun learning about colour and even getting to mix colours using our hands. We made an Elmer model from a milk carton.



The children brought in a poorly teddy from home and we had trainee doctors come to help look after them. The doctors taught the children about parts of the body, what dangers to be aware of at home and what healthy foods to eat.

We have been practising writing our names and the children are excited to receive a pencil and certificate once they can write it independently.





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KS1- Year 1

English

In English this half term, we have been reading the story 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. The children have loved being able to make their own puppets of the characters and using these to role play the story together.

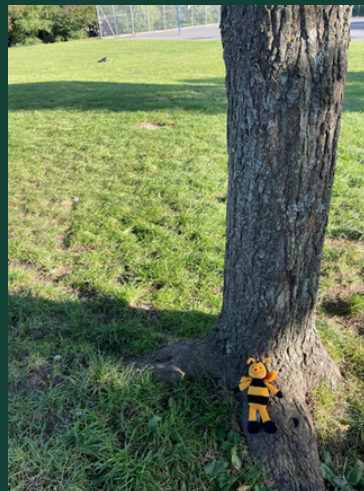


Maths

In Maths this half term, we have been learning to compare numbers using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols. We have loved being able to use cubes and counters to help us show which numbers are bigger and which are smaller.

Computing

This term, we have been writing algorithms to give our Beebots instructions to move. We have linked this to our geography by programming the Beebots to move around maps!



Geography

In Geography, we have been learning about how to use maps and have enjoyed making our own maps of our school. We have loved being able to use clues to help find where Bob the Bee was hiding around the school.



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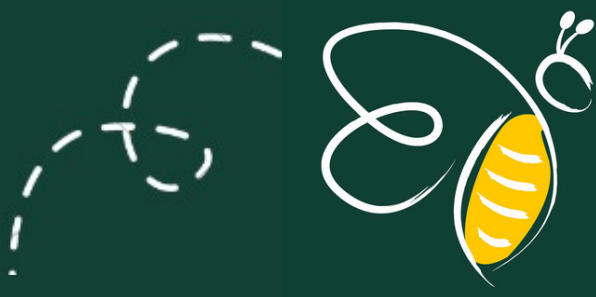
Explorers

This half term in explorers, we have been applying our skills independently. We have enjoyed making maps, being creative through colouring, reading in the book corner, completing puzzles and developing fine motor skills and strength with the Lego.



Music

This half term, we have been experimenting with different instruments and learning the difference between beat and rhythm. We have been playing along with the song, 'I am a robot!' Here we are playing the claves.

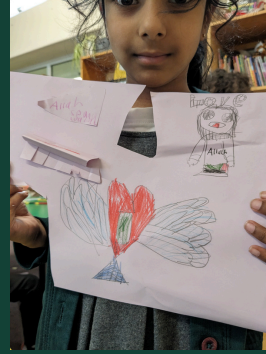


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KS1- Year 2

RE

We were very lucky to have Southampton City Mission come to visit us this half term. We learnt about Christian people's ideas of God through stories, songs and artwork.

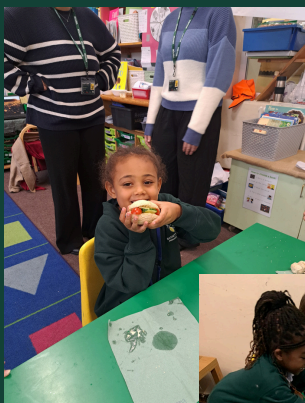
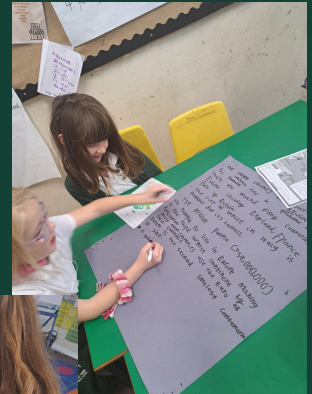


PE

In gymnastics we have been building strength through balances and improving our flexibility. We have also had lots of fun learning different attack, defend and shooting ball skills in our games unit.

Geography

This half term we have learnt about the 7 continents and 5 oceans. We used atlases and information books to research more about a continent as a group to find out how to get there and what you might see when you arrive.



DT

Year 2 had the best day learning to make bread as part of our healthy living topic. We mixed ingredients to make dough and then kneaded and shaped our rolls. Then the kitchen baked them for us before we made delicious healthy sandwiches!



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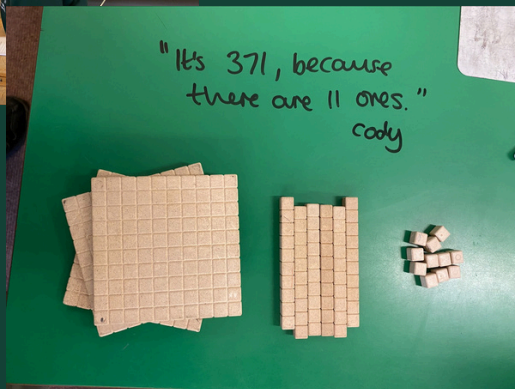
LKS2 - Year 3

Music

We had had so much fun learning about pitch using instruments in our music lessons. Remember to watch some of our amazing videos on our school website.

English

In English this term, we have been channelling our inner pirate. We have described a range of both good and deadly pirates in case anyone should come across them. We have also had great fun in designing a brand new pirate story, reflecting on what imagery we wanted to include.



Maths

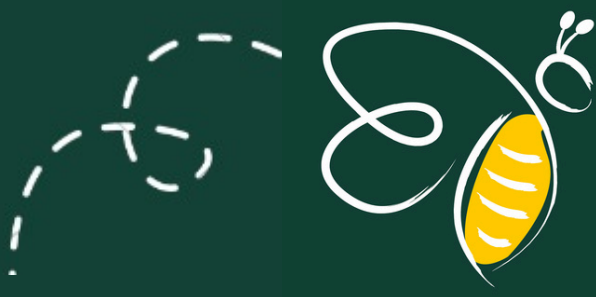
In maths this half term, we have been learning about place value and how this can support us when moving onto addition and subtraction. We have got stronger at using a range of representations which has helped us in solving lots of challenges.



RE

In RE, we have been exploring the impact that messages can have on our lives. We shared some lovely messages that we have received and reflected on what messages are shared in the Bible.





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LKS2 - Year 3 continued

Geography

For Geography, we have been exploring our local area using a range of digital and physical maps. We then ventured into the local community to see how these maps were reflected in the real life setting.



DT

Linked to our pirate topic, Year 3 have been designing and then making a moving sea monster. This used a pneumatic system, which many children were in awe of. It was great to see their ideas come to life.

Music

Also linked to our pirate topic has been our music lessons. The children have really enjoyed sharing sea shanties with one another, breaking into song several times as they walk down the corridor.





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LKS2 - Year 4

Science

This half term in science, we have been finding out about sound. We have learnt how sound travels through waves caused by vibrations. We investigated how to measure sound through decibels along with what materials are best for quietening sound.

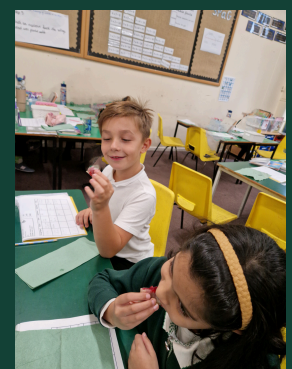


Geography

In geography, we have found out about our local area. We looked at the types of buildings we have locally and their uses such as educational and retail. We also went on a local area visit where we looked at our local features and recorded what we encountered.

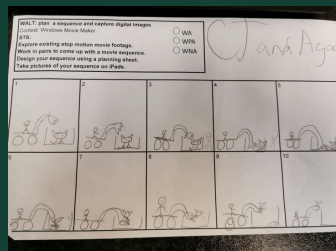
DT

For DT we have been designing and then producing a Polish Pierogi. First, we investigated how to make the dough and what would happen if we used the wrong ratios. Then, we tasted some different varieties of pierogi before deciding on our own style and making them. They turned out well and most of us enjoyed the taste!



Computing

Computing has been lots of fun this half term as we have been finding out about stop motion animation. We have learnt the process for this style of animation and practised our skills before designing our own mini stop motion animation for our peers. We had to take a series of photos and then edit them together to make a sequence.



Maths

In maths, we have been developing our understanding of four-digit numbers and how they are formed. We have ordered and compared numbers as well as rounded them to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Finally, we used our knowledge to add and subtract four-digit numbers using the formal method of column.



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UKS2 - Year 5

As part of our history learning about the Victorians, Year 5 had the opportunity to dress up as a Victorian and experience what it was like to attend a Victorian school. The teachers very much enjoyed being strict and administering lessons in rows!



Our Music lessons have started with an exciting topic! We are learning about and writing our own class rap! We have thoroughly enjoyed discussing the topics we want to rap about



In Science, we had the exciting opportunity of visiting Winchester Science centre. It was amazing! We had an epic journey through space as an expert Planetarium pilot explored the wonders above us. We flew through the stars and headed off to the planets on a weird and wonderful tour of the solar system. We had fun with all the hands on activities!



Some of the Year 5 also had an exciting time on our residential to Home Farm in Beaulieu. We thoroughly enjoyed our stay! There were campfires, feeding of animals, orienteering and team building, where we made our very own shelter! We didn't want to leave! Those that stayed at school created their own chocolate creations and they were so yummy to eat!



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UKS2 - Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the school year! They have consistently shown that they are role models and look so smart in their year 6 jumpers! The House Captains were voted in by members of their house across the school and the candidates for Head and Deputy Head Boy and Girl wrote letters to Mr Bond about why they would be good for the job and what they could bring to the role.

We had a BMX day where all children had the opportunity to build their growth mind set and to challenge themselves as well as learn some amazing stunt skills and display their Bassett best!



Year 6 have had great RE afternoons where they learnt more about the Buddhist faith. They made some clay Buddhists/lotus flowers of their own and discussed why the Buddha is such an important part of this faith.



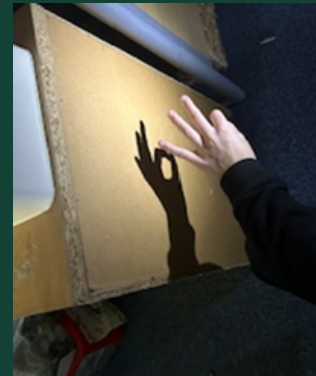
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UKS2 - Year 6 continued

Year 6 have had special PHSE workshops with an outside agency and they have looked at peer pressure, stereotypes and healthy relationships. They have been mature and sensible throughout.

In Science, the children have been learning about light and investigating how it travels and how shadows are formed. They have enjoyed practical sessions. We used our wonderful RE clay representations to show how shadows are formed.



We have had some great PE lessons where we demonstrated our skills in balancing and teamwork.