

Autumn Term - Year 2



English

In **English**, we have based our work around the books 'Troll Swap' and 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. We loved reading these stories and used them to write our own version of a story where the characters swap places and a non-chronological report about owls. We have practised creating noun phrases to help describe things, using commas in a list and made adverbs by adding -ly to adjectives. The children also performed some great poetry.

Maths

In **Maths**, we have been learning about place value. We have been representing numbers within 50 and 100 using tens and ones. We been identifying how many tens and ones in numbers, partitioning these and finding different ways to make numbers. We have also been writing number sentences for these. We have also been learning about addition and subtraction with numbers 0-20.

History and Geography

In **Geography**, we have learnt about mapping the world. We have found out what maps, atlases, globes and satellites are and how they help us. We have also learnt about a compass rose and the directions North, East, South and West. In **History**, we have learnt all about the Gunpowder Plot, including the key events and found out about the Palace of Westminster, The Plague and WWI.

Art & D.T

In **Art** we have been learning about the artist Claude Monet an impressionist painter who uses thick, messy brush strokes in his Art. In our painting of the Lilly pond, we have mixed sand with our paint to create this effect. We have also explored printing and have used different materials such as the end of our paintbrush to create the flowers on the painting called 'The Artist Garden'. In our painting of the 'Bouquet of Sunflowers', we used vegetables and leaves to print a beautiful sunflower. In D.T, our topic focus has been 'Mechanisms- wheels and axles'. The children have made a car using recycled materials and have learnt how the mechanism of wheels and axles work to support their design and they chose carefully the best materials to get their cars to move. The children designed their cars from scratch and brought them to life using materials of their choice.

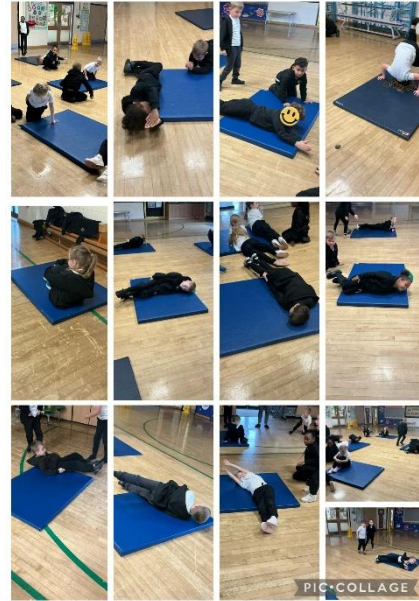


Science

Our **Science** lessons this half term have been focused on the uses of everyday materials and Animals including Humans-Growth. We looked at materials around us and wondered why they had been used to make certain items. We also learned about the work of Charles Macintosh and carried out an investigation into waterproof materials to decide which would be the best to make a waterproof coat from. We also enjoyed learning about the ways that materials can change shape and used playdoh to show this. We have also learnt about the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival and understanding the importance of exercise for humans, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

PESSPA

We have loved gymnastics this term. We practised different types of movement including a range of rolls and putting these movements into a routine performance.



What a busy term we've had Y2! We are super proud of the progress you're making. Keep shining and keep it up!

Have a lovely Christmas.

Love Miss Devine, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Williams

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