

Spring 1 - Year 2

What another busy half term we have had in Year 2!

In **English**, we have based our work around the book 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. We started off our work with a challenge to create houses for The Three Little Pigs that would be strong enough to not be blown over by the Big Bad Wolf. All of our houses were strong enough to withstand the wolf and we were very impressed!



We have also been writing a range of non-fiction texts including a non-chronological report and a glossary. Our glossary was based on our history topic 'The Gunpowder Plot'. We really enjoyed using the iPads to research some of the key words on an online dictionary and then wrote our own glossaries and shared these with the class.



In **Maths**, we have finished our learning on addition and subtraction and have been learning about money. We have been recognising coins and notes and talking about their value. We have been counting coins including pounds and pence and combining with notes to create a total. We have also been selecting money to make totals and comparing totals of money to find out the greatest and smallest.

In **Computing**, we have been creating spreadsheets. We have also celebrated Safer Internet Day this half term. We read some stories based on internet safety including: Once upon a time online; Chicken Clicking and Penguin Pig. We discussed the key messages of these and did some work around the stories. We learnt all about staying 'SMART' online and being 'SMART with a heart'. We also thought about the people we trust to tell us we see anything upsetting or unusual online and discussed the information that we should keep private.



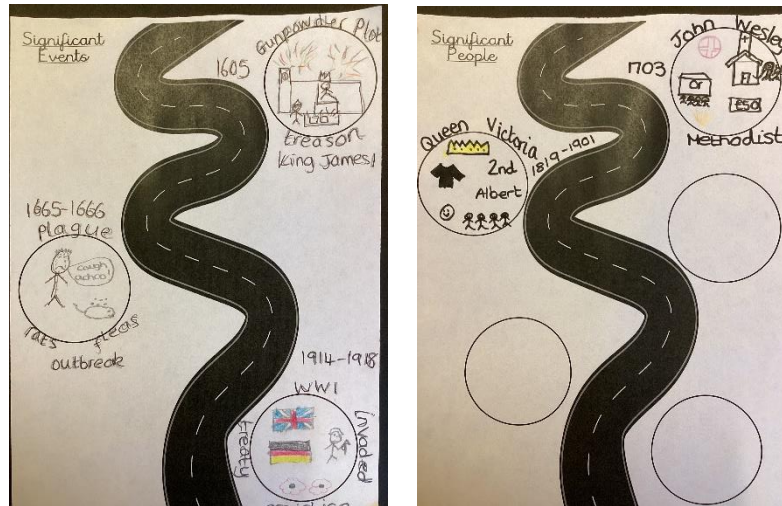
In **Art**, our topic has been 'Digital Media'. We have studied the artist Georgia O'Keefe who is known for her paintings of flowers. We took some photos of flowers and used an app called 'Sketches' to edit the pictures using different techniques. We then used these pictures to design a Valentine's Day card and typed our own messages.



In **Geography**, we have finished our learning a City and Village comparison where we have been comparing Liverpool and Eyam by identifying human and physical features in each place. We have also started our learning on the continents and oceans and have loved learning these with songs.

In **History**, we finished our 'Significant Events' topic. We have learnt so much about The Gunpowder Plot, The Plague and WWI and have loved our learning on this. The children are able to recall lots of facts about these using their own road maps, like the one below.

We have also started our 'Significant People' topic this half term. We have learnt all about John Wesley and Queen Victoria and can't wait to find out about Emily Davison, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King next half term.



We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this half term with an afternoon tea with Y1. We compared Queen Victoria with Queen Elizabeth and discussed the Jubilees they have both celebrated. We loved decorating our own crowns, making a sandwich and eating our food together. We also listened to the National Anthem together.



Well done for another busy half term Year 2!