

Year 2 - Autumn 2

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

In **English**, we have based our work around the book 'Pretty'. We started off our work by imagining what a witch would look like and worked as a group to draw a picture of our own idea of a witch. We then shared our drawings to the class and explained our ideas. We have also done lots of writing, including writing lists for a potion and instructions on how to make our own potions.



For **poetry** we have learnt a poem called 'Give yourself a hug' by Grace Nichols. We planned our own version of the poem by finding rhyming words with the word 'squeeze' and wrote our own rhyming poem called 'Give yourself a squeeze'.

In **Maths**, we have been learning about addition and subtraction. We have been learning about fact families (including addition and subtraction) to 20. We have learnt how to check our calculations by doing inverse calculations and have been comparing number sentences using 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to'. The children have also learnt related facts and a quick way to work out number bonds to 100, using our knowledge of number bonds to 10.

In **Geography**, we have learnt about the UK and the 4 countries in the UK: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. We have learnt all about the flags, emblems, capital cities, population and physical and human features. In **History**, we have learnt all about the Plague. We have compared the plague to Covid-19 to identify similarities and differences and also researched a small village called Eyam, to find out how they were affected by the plague. We enjoyed acting out the story of the plague in Eyam.

In DT, we have been learning about cars and the different features it has, this includes the wheel, axle and chassis. We have experimented with different materials and used trial and error to work out which is the best materials to create a strong and stable car. The children then had to design a car for Reception children and needed to look fun and exciting. Year 2 then had a few lessons to create and decorate their amazing cars!



Finally, we have worked really hard this half term on our nativity performance. We all did amazingly well and performed like experts. We did some amazing acting and excellent speaking. Our teachers were very proud of us all for learning our lines and confidently performing.



We have had such a busy half term and have been up to so much! We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy a well-deserved rest and a magical break, Year 2!