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NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. As usual the diary is full of wonderful events for you and your children so please read all communications from school in order not to miss out.

I had the pleasure of introducing our new value of the month in assembly this morning: **peace**. Peace is probably something most of us take for granted but in a week when we have remembered most profound world events, it underlines how important it is to actively engage in peaceful activity. Social responsibility is always something which enthuses the children and they will soon hear of a Christmas initiative to help others.

Formal Meet the Teacher dates will be published soon but remember it is always possible to have short conversations at the end of the day.

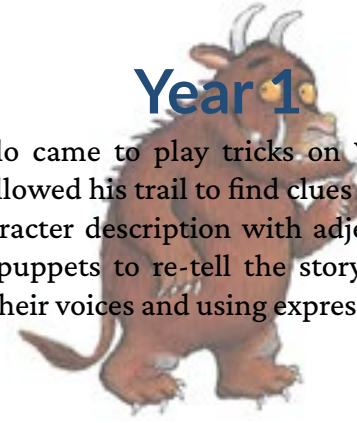
Pre-K & Kindergarten

We started a new topic in Kindergarten called 'Just Imagine'. We are going to be taking a closer look at some well-known children's tales and use them to support our imaginative play and storytelling. This week's book was 'The Little Red Hen'. We talked about sharing and helping each other. On Wednesday we all made bread, just like in the story. Everyone helped to make the dough. Then we each had our own piece to knead, make into a loaf shape and then decorate with chocolate chips and raisins. In French this week we have been learning some of the animal names on the farm, such as : cochon, vache, poulet and cheval.

looks and feels like and the children thoroughly enjoyed the fake snow in our sensory table. We also talked about penguins and other animals that live in the arctic.

Year 1

The Gruffalo came to play tricks on Year 1 this week. Children followed his trail to find clues and used them to write a character description with adjectives. They also used stick puppets to re-tell the story to an audience, projecting their voices and using expression.



Reception

This week we welcomed the children back in Reception after a lovely half-term holiday and started a new topic, 'Winter'. Throughout this half term we will be looking closely at the season, how it affects the living world around us and wondering what it would be like to live in a very wintry country.

In Literacy, we are continuing to develop our story telling and comprehension skills whilst applying our phonics skills in early writing activities linked to the weekly stories. This week we focused on the story 'Lost and Found' and created a poster to help penguin to find his family. We saw some beautiful early writing where children are applying meaning to letters and sounds.

In Mathematics, we are learning to count to 20 fluently and we introduced number bonds to develop a deeper understanding of the numbers to 10. During our weekly lesson on Understanding the World, we had some lovely class discussions on what winter --->

Year 2

The children in Year 2 have been learning the importance of number bonds for adding and subtracting. They have been working practically using ten frames and number lines to help them see how number bonds to ten can help them to calculate.

Year 3

This week Year 3 has been learning about the Anglo Saxons, understanding where they invaded from and where they settled. The pupils have learned about the 7 kingdoms, plotting and labelling them on a map. The pupils also learned about Anglo Saxon place names, researching places in England and the origins of their names.

Year 4

In PSHE Year 4 have been using role play to explore the ways that friendships change and how to negotiate within relationships.

Year 5

As our final stop on our life cycle topic, Year 5 has been learning all about the lifecycles of mammals with a particular focus on our own lifecycle as humans. This has included discovering the scientific terms used to describe the different stages of life and discussing some of the important developmental changes that occur as part of this.

Year 6

Year 6 pupils have started Basketball in their PE lessons this week. We have many capable Netball players in the class, but being able to travel with the ball in Basketball has shown pupils the importance of dribbling and hand-to-eye coordination when moving at speed.

Year 7

This week Year 7 will be continuing their study of the Tudors with a particular focus on King Henry VIII's six wives. They have produced a set of top trump cards for the wives to help develop their evaluation skills.

Year 8

This week Year 8 has been developing their knowledge and understanding of HTML. Using new coding skills and methods they have started to build their own web pages independently.



MFL

Cette semaine les années 5 ont découvert le vocabulaire de la gare. Ils ont participé en jouant le rôle de guichetier/voyageur et en apprenant comment réserver un billet de train. Les années 6 ont révisé le passé composé en commençant un nouveau livre qui se déroule au Brésil, on y trouve beaucoup d'animaux natifs d'Amazonie. Les années 7 et 8 ont fait la rencontre de Mathieu Pierloot, un auteur belge. Ils ont pu poser leurs questions et en ont appris d'avantage sur le métier d'auteur.

