

Our Values
Respect, Kindness, Resilience,
Integrity, Honesty and Trust



- Our Pledge**
- Listen and Learn
 - Do our best
 - Look after each other
 - Look after our school

Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 2 2023

This half term, we have been learning Narratives, which involved giving excuses to the teacher. We studied the text George Patrick Mkenessy, The Boy who was Always Late and Dear Teacher. Based on these two stories we wrote narratives, post card and letters. We enjoyed being creative with our ideas and wrote many fun excuses, giving reasons for being late. Later on in term, the children wrote information texts about Cats, which was inspired by the story of Matilda's Cat. They developed their ideas further and wrote a similar text about Dogs. The scholars were able to articulate their knowledge about their learnt facts. We had great fun learning about the features of poems; and we immersed ourselves into writing and performing poems.

In **Maths** this term, we have focused on addition and subtraction. We used manipulatives to solve a range of problems and paid special attention to the vocabulary relating to each concept. The pupils had a lot fun exploring 2D and 3D shapes as they learn about their properties. Children also worked at home, using Emile to learn and consolidate their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables



As **Scientists**, we focused on Life Cycles. During the lessons, we explored the different stages in the life cycles of: humans, a chicken, a butterfly and frog. We used a number of scientific skills, which included sorting, classifying, comparing and evaluating. It was interesting to see how the pupils were able to make comparisons by identifying the similarities and differences in the cycles. Year 2 also enjoyed science Day 2023 where they dressed up as scientists for the day! It was a wonderful experience!

In **PSHE**, we continued to look at family and relationships. From this topic, the children developed a better understanding of friendships; they learnt about positive and negative friendships. They were able to recognise it is important to have good manners in order to foster meaningful friendships. They also learnt how people can be affected by the loss of loved and well a pets; from this lesson they reflected on how families and friends can support each other in difficult circumstances.



In **Art**. They designed a number of traditional crafts linked to Christmas: these included snowflakes, lanterns, and chains as well as season's greetings cards. These were later used for a display in the classroom.



Over the term, we studied Buddhism in our RE lessons. We explored the religious story of Buddhism and how 'Buddha' got his name. We also looked at the beliefs and practices of Buddhism, discussed, and illustrated some symbols associated with the religion and explained the significance of each. Meditation is very important to Buddhists as it helps to calm and focus; we practise some of the meditation techniques which we have learnt. We also explained how Buddhists worship and some of the important festivals in the religion; for example Visak.



In **Physical Education**, we learnt different skills in Gymnastics. We practised some basic floor movements, which included: forward rolls, dish, pike, pencil. Throughout the sessions, we developed flexibility in strength, technique, control and balance. We aimed to improve our skills in every lesson. The pupils enjoyed their lessons and were willing to share their techniques with their partners weekly.

The children enjoyed learning about Seasons in **Geography**. Throughout the unit, they explored the different seasons that we experience during the year. Pupils were also interesting in observing the various weather conditions that they noticed in one day. A range of key vocabulary associated with the weather they learnt over the term. Our pupils took pleasure in describing the weather conditions in other countries in the UK. They had fun demonstrating the different directions wind blows and how they cause changes in weather. At the end of the unit, pupils discussed and named the different compass points, East, West, North and South.



To reflect our wider curriculum at school, we went to The Vue in Woodgreen and watched the film Puss in Boots; it was a wonderful theatre experience for our children. To top off the term, we had a wonderful Carol Service where we thrilled the parents with our wonderful singing of Silent Night. Overall, it was a beautiful Autumn term filled with lots of learning and fun.