

Our Values

Respect, Kindness, Resilience,
Integrity, Honesty and Trust



Our Pledge

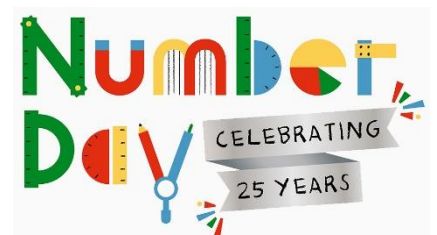
- Listen and Learn
- Do your best
- Look after each other
- Look after our school

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In **Literacy** we have been reading stories with repeating patterns. We read the stories 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Hoot Owl'. We had a go at retelling the stories through role play, we sequenced the stories and created story maps. We even had the chance to taste some of the delicious fruits from Handa's Surprise! We used lots of exciting adjectives to describe them. We then put on our 'author' hats and wrote our own versions of the stories and made our very own story books.



We have been busy learning about Addition and Subtraction in **Maths**. We practised adding and taking away numbers by counting on and counting back, and by using number lines. We have been practising our number bonds by finding all the pairs of numbers that make a number and have been finding doubles of numbers too. We really enjoyed Number Day and had the chance to learn all about measuring. We had a go at measuring our hands and feet using cubes. We even got to measure Ms Esma and Ms Iwona!



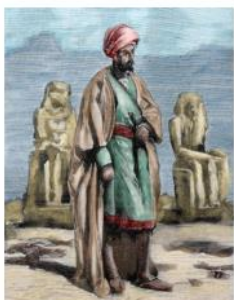


We have been learning all about 'Materials' in **Science**. We have been exploring the properties of different materials and we had a go at looking at, touching and describing many different materials. We used words like rough, smooth, hard, bumpy and shiny. We also thought about which materials were best for different objects and why.

What is the best material for raincoats? Why?



In **History** we have been learning about the greatest explorers. We learnt about the lives of Ibn Battuta, Captain James Cook, Captain Robert Scott, Roald Amundsen and Sunita Williams. It has been fascinating to learn all about where they travelled to and why they were seen as great explorers. We learnt that the explorers each had different reasons for travelling and that they all had many great achievements. We studied timelines, photographs, diaries and maps to help us learn more about their lives.



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A big well done to the children who have been regularly using **Bug Club** at home to practise their reading and phonics! Please remember to log in and practise as often as you can. Practise makes progress!

We have also been very busy practising reading our phonics words in class every day. Please use the phonics flash card pack that you have been provided with to support your child at home. Thank you!



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