

Year 2 End of Year Report

This year has been a great year for year 2. We have introduced many new topics that enthused and engaged our children. This year was the first year the new SAT's was delivered and our children worked incredibly towards these. We ended the year with a great performance of pirates versus mermaids which was fantastic. This linked very well with our last topic 'The seaside'.

During the autumn term we learnt about the 'London Long Ago'. The children researched the plague and the great fire of London. We had the rainbow theatre come into school to show the children what life would have been like many years ago. The children learnt a significant amount on fire safety and how fires can be caused. To show the children how quickly the fire would have spread years ago we set up a small bonfire and lined up the cardboard houses the children had built and set fire to them. The children were amazed by this.

In the second half of the autumn term our topic was called 'poles apart'. The children research about the arctic and compared it to our environment. We looked at the climate and animals in both environments. The children built a huge igloo for our role play to see what life would be like.

The children put on a small carol concert at St Mary's church where we had the actors performing from the Christmas story.

In the spring term we focussed on a particular traditional tale 'Cinderella'. To launch our topic of Cinderella we set up a crime scene in the classroom with cornered off sections with tape and artefacts that relate to the story. The children had to be detectives to find out what has happened and who has been in our classroom. During literacy sessions the children used their imagination to try and change the ending of Cinderella. To end our topic the children had their own Cinderella ball that they had to plan for. They listed the food needed, tables, chairs, music, made decorations and many more.

During the second half of spring we focussed on another part of the world. Our topic was called 'Rocking Rainforest' and we looked at the amazon rainforest and compared to our locality. We were able to read and record temperatures each day and compare them. We had Zoolab visit us with all the creatures from the rainforest which led us to write some fantastic acrostic poems and riddles.

In the summer term we had a focus on 'castles'. This was very engaging for the boys and girls. They learnt a lot about castle life, knights and the animals that were around. To launch our topic we visited Arundel castle. We dressed up in some knights and jesters clothing, we were able to see the moat and walk along the drawbridge. We made some fantastic fact books about castles.

As part as our RE focus on Cathedrals we visited Chichester Cathedral. We were able to find out about the artefacts kept in the cathedral as well as explore the grounds. We found the famous Chagall window and created our on focussing on what was special to us.

The second half of the summer term we focussed on Superheroes. We had a superhero day where children and staff dressed up as their favourite superhero both fiction and non-fiction. We set up many challenges around the school that the children had to solve by applying their maths and literacy skills. The children loved this topic as they we able to talk about their superheroes who they admire but we were able to introduce them to real life superheroes.

To end the year we had a couple of weeks on the seaside. We created large scale seaside scenes out of natural materials. The children had independent choice on what they wanted to write about. Some children chose to write poems, fact books, stories, postcards and many more.

Year 2 have had a great year!