

Foundation Stage End of Year Update 2016-2017

Foundation Stage have had a very exciting year with many new topics.

We started the year looking at some traditional tales, Jack and the beanstalk and the gingerbread man. We enjoyed retelling and acting out the story using props. We even tried to sequence the stories using pictures and writing our own little books.

After Christmas we explored Chinese New Year. In our role play we had a restaurant where we were able to try Chinese food. The children loved food tasting! We learnt how to write our names in Chinese which was very tricky.

Then we started a new topic 'bears bears everywhere'. The children read we're going on a bear hunt and whatever next. We loved role playing with these books. One day we all brought in our own rucksacks and teddy bears and travelled to the moon to have a picnic just like baby bear.



We then learnt about the biggest creatures that walked the earth, **dinosaurs!**

We had so much fun piecing dinosaurs together and matching their facts. We learnt about what dinosaurs like to eat, the biggest dinosaur, whether they were carnivores or herbivores and all about their bodies. We tried to imagine meeting a dinosaur and wrote our own story.

After, we travelled to space. We found out about the moon, stars, sun and planets. We learnt a rhyme to help us remember the order of the planets. We were lucky enough to have an inflatable planetarium come into school and show us what it would be like in space. We got to watch the clip of the first moon landing.

Our very last topic was called 'shipwrecked'. We had a ship that docked in our school in a place called Australia. We had to find out about Australia, where it was, who lived there, what animals live there and what the weather is like. We had an Australian story teller 'Adrian' come into school and teach us about aboriginal art and recite aborigine stories.



Not long after, pirates appeared in the ship and around school and they were causing chaos. They had lost some crew members in our school and we had to help them. We wrote many letters back and forth to the captain explaining where and how to find their crew for which they were very grateful. We even had to help the captain sort and count all of his treasure.