

## Year 1 End of Year Report July 2017

During this year we have had lots of fun and all the staff and children have worked very hard. We have enjoyed some exciting new topics and events including interesting and stimulating visits and visitors! We have been focusing on certain groups of children, boys, more able and disadvantaged children, whilst ensuring all children reach their full potential.

During the autumn term we learnt about the British Isles, including the four main countries and cities and seas surrounding us. We build 3D Modroc British Isles. We followed a little bear called Barnaby on his travels and presented an assembly to all the parents and children in the school to show off our learning.

Then we focused on a beautiful story called the Angel and the Soldier Boy which really captures the children's imagination, both girls and boys. This led to some wonderful story writing and understanding the structure of a story, beginning, middle and end.

Our Christmas concert 'The Not Now Nativity' was wonderful, with singing, dancing and superb acting, all

180 Year 1 and Foundation Stage children took part. We received great praise from parents and grandparents!

After Christmas our topic was 'Food Glorious Food' and we visited Tesco Superstore in Littlehampton with their Food to Fork scheme. It was a great experience and the children made muesli whilst learning where all their food comes from. In D.T. we designed shopping bags and tested them.



In January we visited Saint Nicholas Church where members of the church presented little workshops for all the Year 1 children, we learnt many interesting facts and made some prayer bead bracelets.

After Easter we learnt about India compared to where we live. We had a flight to India (on an imaginary plane!) which was great fun all the teachers dressed up as Air Hostesses and Mr Hull the Premises Manager was our pilot.

This led into our history based look at flight learning about the Wright Brothers, Orville and Wilbur and a trip to Amberley Museum which is full of olden day inventions, phones, transport and a train ride. It was a great day out!

The summer term began with a very exciting visit from 'The Go Wild Experience' in connection with our Amazing Animals Topic.



Our final topic of the year was based on our beautiful beach! We are so lucky living by the sea. We learnt many facts intertwined with the fantastic Lighthouse keeper Stories.

Throughout the year we have been using and applying the mathematical skills and concepts we have been learning. In science we have investigated waterproof materials, our senses, learnt about the structure of a plant and studied our grounds for plants and animals. We have followed the seasons and studied the weather by keeping weather dairies.

Intertwined in all we do is the Christianity of our school community and each of us as Christians. Each week we focus on a different Christian value and hear many stories from the Bible. We encourage the children to think about their behaviour and how they can make decisions to lead a happy life.

The children have had a super year and we have greatly enjoyed teaching them

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