

## Year 2 End of Year Report 2017

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. We set up a model of the houses along the River Thames, using house models made by the children. We were able to see just how quickly the fire spread as we watched our models burn.

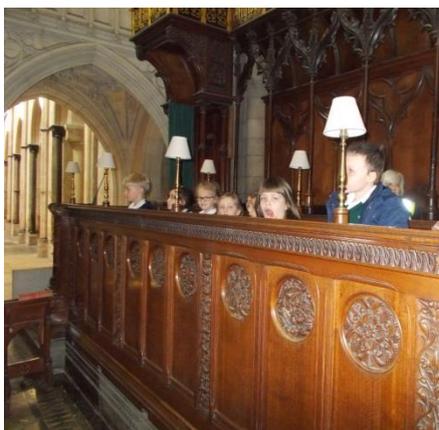


In the second half of the autumn term our topic was based around the story of 'Robin Hood'. The children retold the story and had to decide if Robin was a villain or in fact a hero. In DT we made our own bows and arrows, followed by a tournament to see whose arrows went the furthest. The children research about the arctic and compared it to our environment.

We explored how Christmas is celebrated around the world looking into the stories behind Babushka, St Nicholas, St Lucia and why the Poinsettia is an important Christmas symbol in Mexico. The children put on a small carol concert at St Mary's church and Christingle service in school to round off our Festive celebrations.

In the spring term we focussed on global environments in. Our topic "Poles apart" took us to explore the coldest places on earth, the animals that live there, and how human are effecting change. During the second half of the spring term we focussed on the tropical climates found in rainforests, with our topic "Under the Canopy". We looked at the amazon rainforest and compared to our locality. We were able to read and record temperatures each day and compare them. "Zoolab" shared with us some incredible creatures from the rainforest which stimulated descriptive writing. We investigated many plants that originate in the rainforest including cocoa and made chocolates for Mother's Day.

We also read the story Georges Marvellous Medicine for World Book Day and invented our own Marvellous Medicines.



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 exploring the grounds. We found the famous Chagall window and created our own focussing on what was special to us. We were even given permission to sing in the Cathedral.

In the summer term we began exploring castles in our topic “Dungeons and Dragons”. We created dragon worlds through the story of The Snow Dragon and later visited Arundel Castle. Whilst there we dressed up as knights and jesters and were able to see the moat and walk along the drawbridge. We made some fantastic brochures about castles to encourage other to visit. We even had a medieval banquet.



In the second half of the summer term we focussed on life “Under the Ocean”. After visiting the Brighton Sealife Centre we wrote poems about the many creatures we saw.

We finished the year off with our production “What a Knight” and an end of year party which all the children helped to prepare.

Year 2 have had a great year!

