

Year 1 Newsletter

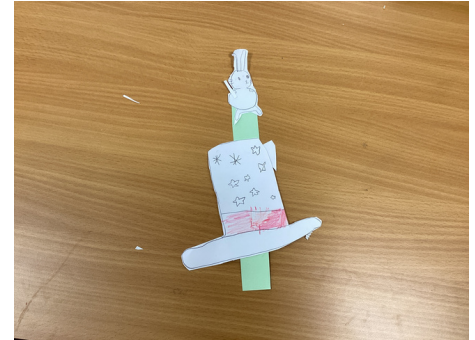
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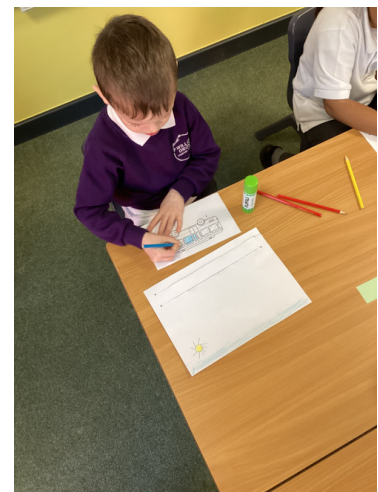
Last half term highlights

Harp Class had an amazing half term, showing how we have settled into our routines in Year 1 and creating some fantastic pieces of work.

In English we read a traditional flood story called 'Pattan's Pumpkin'. The children were enthused and engaged, writing diary entries, creating story maps and acting parts of the book in groups. Our final piece saw us write and create our own flood stories.

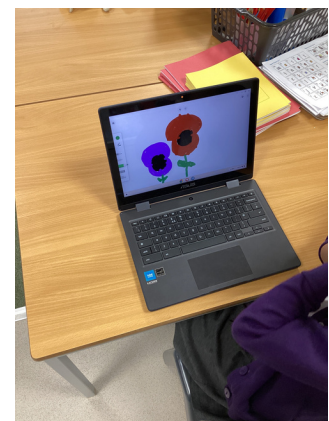
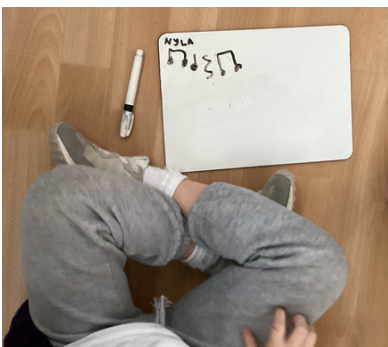


In Maths, we looked at numbers to 20 in depth. We got to know the 'teen' numbers really well and created them in a range of different ways. To finish off the half term we looked at doubles and halves and odds and evens.



In RE we answered the enquiry question "Why is Christmas an important time for Christians?" We talked about religious and cultural traditions, symbols and the nativity story. We also shared how we celebrate special times in our families, finding similarities and differences between festivals.

DT was a firm favourite this half term. We created mechanisms. First, we explored how to create sliders and levers before making our own moving pictures.



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Overview of learning for Spring 1

English

We will be reading 'The Secret Sky Garden' by Linda Sarah. It is a story about a girl who transforms an abandoned area into a beautiful garden and with it, discovers a new friend. This is a wonderful story sharing the impact small actions can make on a community and on ourselves.

Over the half term the children will be exploring, interpreting and responding to the book in a range of ways including: drama, role-play, artwork, writing in role, writing short recounts, sequencing events and engaging in oral storytelling.

Maths

- Geometry: names and properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes
- Measures: the language of comparing length, height, mass and speed
- Sequencing events: days of the week and months of the year
- Numbers to 20: adding using 'Think 10'
- Numbers to 20: subtraction using 'Think 10'
- Numbers to 20: equality and balance

Geography

- The United Kingdom
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland
- England

Science

- The four seasons
- Tools to record the weather
- Using a graph to show information
- Clouds and what they tell us
- Weather forecasting

Art - 3D sculpture

RE - Judaism - important figures, Torah, Synagogue and festivals

PSHE - What helps us stay healthy?

DT - food project - making a fruit salad

Computing - moving a robot

PE - Dodgeball (social focus) and Rugby fundamentals

Things to Remember

- The school gates close at 8:30am.
- Monday morning reading will continue - all parents/carers are welcome.
- Please ensure your child has a suitable coat in school now the weather is colder.
- Library session: Monday.
- PE days: Wednesday and Thursday.

