



Year 2 Newsletter

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Writing

Recount- our focus for writing has been a day in the life of a Queen. We have been thinking carefully about the structure of our writing and using different sentence openers to sequence the writing. We have also been 'up levelling' our sentences by adding adjectives and always trying to remember capital letters, spaces between words and full stops.

Report- using our knowledge of Queen Elizabeth II to write a report detailing interesting facts about her life.



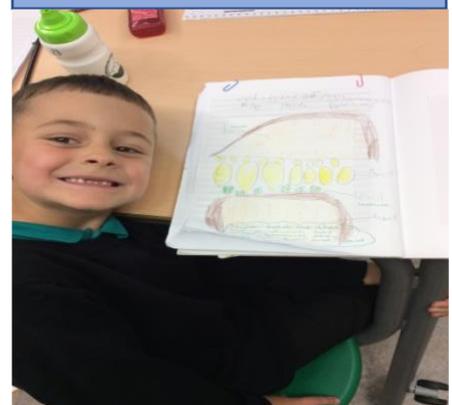
Computing

Our first computing lessons have covered the importance of internet safety. We have discussed: who can be a trusted adult to us and the safety features with regards with online chat and videos.

Mathematics

We started our Year 2 journey recapping over the four operations (+ - x ÷) and then moving onto using the Maths No Problem scheme of work and have covered the following areas of mathematics so far:

- Place value of a 2-digit number
- Partitioning
- Word Problems finding the missing number.





Art and Design

The children in year 2 have recapped primary and secondary colours and have enjoyed colour mixing activities inspired by the artist Wassily Kandinsky who was from Moscow, in Russia.

Geography

We have now introduced our geography skills of identifying the four countries of the UK and naming the capital cities. We are now ready to move the learning onto the four compass points and being able to label the North and South poles and the equator on a world map.



Religious Education (RE)

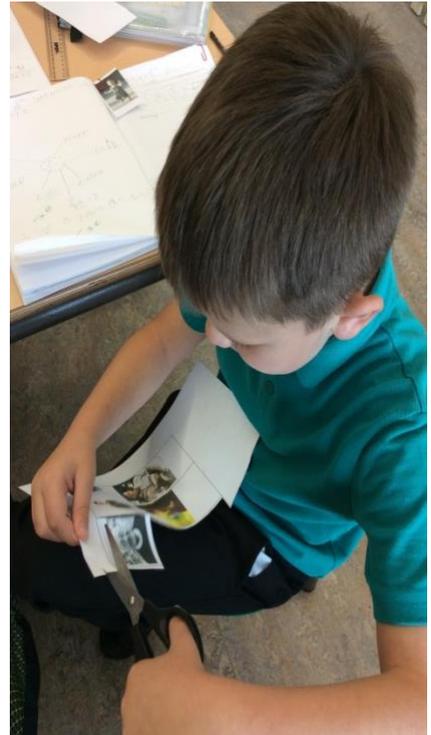
During our first RE day we learnt about special places including the church being a special place for people who are Christians. We explored the Christianity symbols and The Holy Day celebration. We are now moving our learning to different Jewish celebrations and are looking forward to identifying differences and similarities between the two religions.

Music

Our music focus has been based on the four musical instrumental groups and when this is played together it forms an orchestra with a conductor. We have listened to the different sounds of the instruments and identified the change of dynamics in the music.

Reading/ Phonics

The adults in year 2 have taken the time to make sure all the children are taught to read on a 1:1 basis, securing the reading of key words and using phonics as the strategy to read unfamiliar words as well as the contents of the book they are reading. We are now moving onto a more comprehension style focus starting with the children answering simple questions about the books they are reading and identifying key vocabulary.



Design Technology (DT)

We have been focusing on important life skills such as: measuring in cm and mm and folding in halves and quarters. We have enjoyed in-depth discussions about where food comes from and how far certain foods have to travel before reaching our supermarkets (local produce and imported goods).

RSE and Character Education

Our character values we have learnt about so far are: caring, helpfulness and cooperation and during our new relationships, sex and health education, the focus has been on what a helpful heart is like and how we can make sure we don't hurt other people's feelings.



PE

Year 2 have dance for this term for PE and just a reminder our PE day is every other Monday. PE kit worn for the day please.