

Year 2 Half Term Overview

It has been an exciting half term in Year 2! This is what we have been up to...

In English, a very special bird swooped into our classroom. It left behind a trail of crunchy leaves and soft feathers. There was a scrapbook all about its important adventures. We discovered that the precious bird was a barn owl called Plop. He had flown into our classroom to find out more about the dark. We listed adjectives to persuade Plop that the dark was a positive thing. We also wrote instructions to inform Plop of how to make hot cocoa. We decided to research other nocturnal animals such as hedgehogs, bats and badgers. We created non-chronological reports to inform our peers about these different animals. The highlight of our half term has to be our visit from Animals Take Over. Lyndsey brought a range of nocturnal animals for us to see and touch. We saw tiny mice, a spiky hedgehog and even a scary tarantula! Most importantly, we each got to hold Buddy the barn owl!



In Creative Curriculum, our History topic has been 'Let's Remember', where we learned all about World War Two. We began by asking historical questions about photographs taken during the wars. We expressed what we wanted to learn. We used a map of Europe to identify the countries involved in the war and who were allies and axis. We read an important poem named 'In Flanders Fields'. We discussed how the soldiers fought on a battlefield which then turned into a beautiful poppy field. We had a go at writing our own descriptive poem and we use wonderful adjectives to describe life in a trench, on a battlefield and life after the war. Furthermore, we learned all about the uniform worn by soldiers during World War Two and we compared this to the uniform which soldiers wear today. In Art, we learned about a sculpture artist named Peter Randall-Page. He creates sculptures out of stone by carving patterns and moulding different shapes. We designed our owl sculptures and created beautiful poppies as a sign of remembrance.



Within the wider curriculum, we have engaged in many activities. To celebrate COP26, we designed even more moths and made these out of milk bottles. These were displayed at Pennington Flash too! We also read a book called 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' and learned about how plastic is polluting the oceans around us. We had a go at recycling plastic bags and turning them into kites. Some were that successful that they flew in the wind! In addition, we have helped to raise money for Children in Need by wearing our own clothes and doing Pudsy related activities throughout the day.

As part of Advent, we collected essential items for the Brick. We collected so many items, we needed a giant box! To conclude our half term, we all took part in our nativity play, Baa Baa Bethlehem. We were all amazing!



Thank you for a fabulous half term Year 2!