

Year 2 Half Term Overview

It has been an exciting start to the year in Year 2! We just have to tell you all about it...

In English, our Book as a Hook text has been George's Marvellous Medicine. A mysterious collection of ingredients arrived in our classroom; such as Sheep Dip, Golden Gloss Shampoo and Helga's Hair Set. We had so much fun creating George's unusual medicine for his grumpy Grandma. It even began to bubble, froth and explode! We have used George's Marvellous Medicine to write character descriptions of Grandma and George, a diary entry from George's point of view, instructions about how to make our own medicine and a medical leaflet to advise Grandma how to take her new medicine.

In Science, we have explored our first Year 2 topic, Animals, including Humans. We have learnt about how humans and animals create their own offspring. Miss Holden brought Halle to meet us and we got to ask a wealth of questions about babies! Halle enjoyed playing, laughing and trying to sabotage the classroom! We have also identified the offspring of different animals such as a kangaroo and a joey or a frog and a tadpole. We progressed to learning about the life cycle of a human. Using Miss Butler's photographs, we learned about how we grow from tiny babies to sensible adults. It was exciting to see how much Miss Butler had changed. Did you know a caterpillar turns into a butterfly? We recreated the life cycle of a butterfly using a paper plate, different pasta shapes and lots of key vocabulary. Summer even brought her own pupa in to show us all!

In RE, our focus question has been 'How do we show that we care for others?'. We have learnt all about charity and how different charities help different people. We began by learning all about Captain Sir Tom Moore and how he walked 100 laps to raise money for the NHS, during the coronavirus pandemic. We have a lot of respect for this courageous man. We have also learned about how William Booth set up The Salvation Army. We explored how they provide food, shelter and support groups for a variety of people. We created a character description of Dr Banardo. We explored how he was a generous man who provided support for children and orphans across London. He set up one of the very first schools too! Moreover, we have explored how Muslims and Sikhs show that they care for others. In Islam, Muslims must give Zakah, as this is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. In Sikhism, Sikhs enjoy a langar meal together to show that they are all equal to one another. All of these examples link perfectly to our Christian Value, Generosity. We have ensured to adopt some of these characteristics within our classroom to make it a very generous place.

Finally, we ended the half term by creating an art project linked to the theme 'Do All You Can'. As a class, we have explored the life of Henri Matisse, from a painter to a collage artist. We learnt about how he chose to create cut-outs due to his long illness. We used his collages as an inspiration for our own based on 'Generosity'. We thought about a way to symbolise generosity and we chose to use our hands. Using many vibrant colours of card, we created our own layered collages. We then used Adobe Draw, on the iPads, to create a digital version of our collages. We explored how to insert a picture, use various paint tools and how to layer our digital hands across our backgrounds. We saved our own work and printed them out ready to be framed.



















