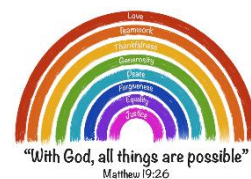




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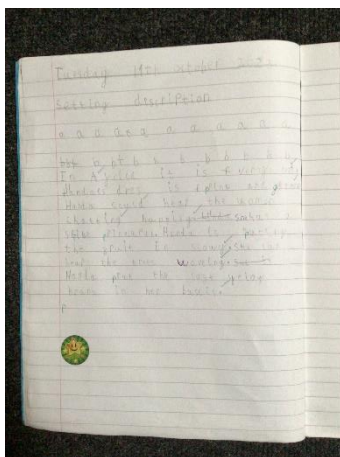


With God, all things are possible – Matthew 19:26

Love Teamwork Thankfulness Generosity Peace Forgiveness Equality Justice

What a fantastic Autumn term we have had together learning and growing realising 'With God, all things are possible.'

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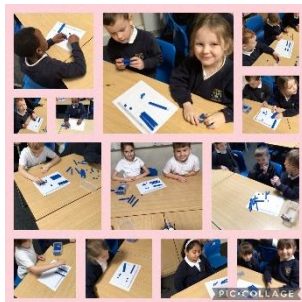


We have loved our books this term. Our first book was Handa's Surprise, we explored all the various parts of the book and tried out some unusual fruits ourselves such as dragon fruit and guava. We used some great adjectives to describe the different fruits. We made lots of predictions about what the story would be about and explored all the different vocabulary and used this to help us write a short narrative.

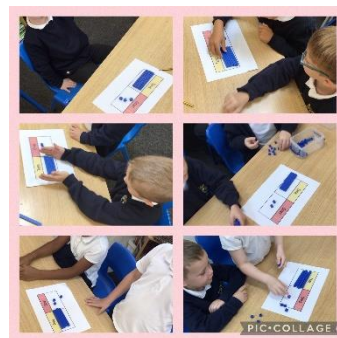
In the second half of the autumn term, we began reading The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark. We met Plop who was afraid of the dark, especially when his parents left him to go hunting at night. He visited many different people and animals to find reasons to like the dark.

Throughout reading this book, we enjoyed writing many different texts. We particularly enjoyed writing our own version of the story!

Mathematics



In Maths, we have consolidated our knowledge of place value. We explored the place value of two-digit numbers and used a place value chart to represent this. We have also explored how to partition numbers flexibly, how to compare numbers and how to order numbers. We have been doing some tricky maths and we have started to understand how to exchange when adding and subtracting across 10.



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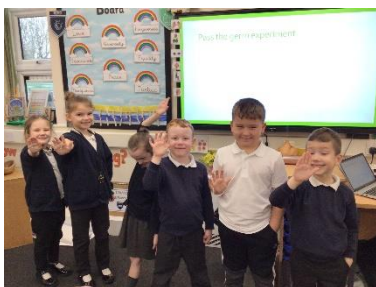
In the first autumn term, we thought about who we are as an individual and what makes us unique. We identified our talents and explored how we could use them to help others. We learnt about the work of The Salvation Army and Benardos, exploring the history of each charity and how they support so many people. We also explored how Sikhs and Muslims show that they care for others within their religions too.

In the second half of the term, we explored different festivals that are celebrated all over the world and in different religions. We learnt about the true meaning of Christmas and retold the bible story which underpins this. We also explored the symbols of Christmas, which Christians display in their houses and churches. We explored the religion of Judaism

and how Jewish followers celebrate Chanukah. We listened to and retold the story behind Chanukah. We completed the topic by comparing the similarities and differences between the two festivals.

Science

In Science, we have explored the topic 'Animals Including Humans.' We began by looking at the meaning 'offspring' and how humans give birth to their own offspring because they are mammals. We enjoyed a 'Guess the Baby' game and matched our teachers to their children based on their similarities. We progressed to exploring the human life cycle and we ordered a human life cycle. We looked at the offspring of animals and how these have different names. We also ordered the life cycle of a butterfly and frog.



We explored the basic needs of humans and animals and how these are necessary to survive. We explored the food pyramid and learnt that we need certain amounts of different foods to stay healthy. We carried out experiments to see the impact of exercise on our bodies, what happens when we do not wash our hands and what happens to our teeth if we drink too much fizzy

pop! We ended the topic by creating some fantastic posters on the importance of keeping healthy.

History

In History, our topic has been 'Down the Pits.' We explored the Industrial Revolution and how the pits were needed to fuel the factories and mass production of materials. We explored what coal is and how it is formed underground. We enjoyed using an old map to locate local pits in Leigh, Astley and Howe Bridge. It was amazing to think that some of our relatives probably worked down the pits! We explored the typical jobs that people had down the pits, even children! We ended the topic by exploring how Margaret Thatcher closed the pits because it was such a dangerous job.

Music



We have loved our music lessons this term! We have been learning all about pitch, rhythm and beats. We have enjoyed playing the glockenspiel and singing lots of different songs. We have done lots of singing and we have perfected some of the songs. We have been using our bodies to make music and create our own beats and rhythms. We even

performed some of our own music to the class. We have lots of budding performers!

