

Curriculum News – Autumn Term 2022



Wrens Class

Wrens have really enjoyed exploring our big enquiry question- where people live this half term. We looked at where we live in relation to the school to see who lived the closest and who lives the furthest away. We went out into Preston Candover to see what different types of houses we could spot- we also looked at what the houses were made of and saw some with thatched roofs, some made of flint and some with amazing shaped windows.



For our understanding the world- past and present we used the book “Peepo” as a window into the past and borrowed a fantastic box of household objects from the past. We found out about how people washed their clothes and cleaned their carpets before washing machines and hoovers were invented and talked about how these items are very different to the ones we have now.



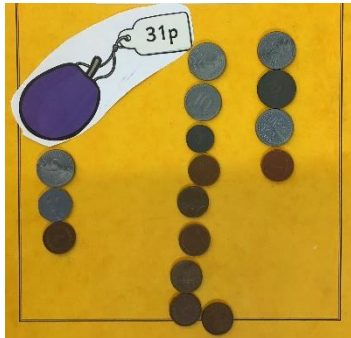
We discovered that in the past instead of having an iron that plugged into the wall people used flat irons which they had to heat on their fires.



We learned the song “Polly put the kettle on” and found out that in the past kettles were heated over the fires instead of using electricity and being plugged in.

Kites & Kestrels Classes

In English, we have explored poetry that set an eerie mood and thought about vocabulary and similes to describe the woods that would create the same atmosphere. We incorporated these descriptions when retelling the story from the book 'Shh we have a plan' as well as making inferences and predictions about the book. We continued with our poetry theme and explored different poetic devices within bird poems, choosing our own bird to describe and write about.



In Maths we have been using resources to represent and partition two-digit numbers in a variety of ways, including the value of coins. We found different ways to make the same amount and then went on to use this knowledge to add and subtract. We set up a shop in our classroom and role-played using money to find totals and give change. This term we have also been learning about 2D shapes and their properties. We compared 2D shapes according to the number of their properties; sides, vertices and lines of symmetry.

In R.E this term our concept has been 'light as a symbol'. We talked about the importance of candles in the festival of Hanukkah and the Christmas story. We explored different nativity scenes around the world and designed our own, as well as performing our own spectacular performance of the nativity story.

In Art we have studied the works of architecture by Sir Christopher Wren. We used this as inspiration to design and create our own printed Cityscapes. First, we experimented with line, shape and colour to refine our skills. We added lighter and darker paint to change the value of our hues, this created a sunset background. We then used a sharp pencil to impress into a polystyrene printing tile. We layered the tile with ink and then pressed it onto our background. We used the residual ink on the tile to print the reflection in the water. We are very impressed with our Cityscapes!



Robins Class

This half-term, Robins have had a wonderful time learning about the Romans and the impact their invasion had on Britain.

In history lessons, alongside of course our Roman workshop, we took on the role of archaeologists to excavate artefacts from a Roman settlement. We used these artefacts to ask and answer questions about everyday life during Roman Britain.

In DT lessons, pupils have been enjoying designing and creating their own Roman chariots. We can't wait to share these with you at our learning exhibition in January.



Robins class have also been particularly enjoying our computing unit this half-term in which we have been creating stop-frame animations linked to the Romans. It has been great to see some pupils have continued working on these skills at home and have enjoyed sharing their outcomes with our class back in school!



Kingfishers Class



In Kingfishers class this half term we have enjoyed creating a variety of poetry. We have created poems that describe the many personalities of wind inspired by Dionne Brand, Remembrance poems that we are very proud of and Queen tribute poems, which we thoroughly enjoyed sharing with our families. A highlight for Kingfisher class is the poetry workshop with our parents, we enjoyed sharing our new poetry skills. We are proud of the progress we have made.

We have been very inspired by the Ancient Greeks and the strong legacies they left behind. This linked very well to our Big Enquiry Question, which was 'What legacy are you creating?' We had numerous discussions about what positive impact we could have on our World, and what legacy we could leave behind. We gathered a lot of information about their legacy from Ancient Greek pots, which we have had the opportunity to create our own replicas.



We were fortunate enough to explore a variety of Ancient Greek artefacts, which you can see in our photos. One of our favourite tasks was researching a famous Greek person. We created a persuasive speech and had a class debate to try to convince our classmates, to keep our famous Greek person on the hall of fame, not the hall of shame. We really enjoy a class debate in our class and have become very persuasive!



In PE this term we developed our basketball skills and it has been great fun, we thoroughly enjoyed it. Some of us even went to a basketball tournament at Perins secondary school and although we did not win, we were placed second and third, which we are super proud of! We are very thankful for these great opportunities that we have been given and cannot wait for a new term of great sports and opportunities.



Talia and Hatty (Kingfisher Class)

We hope you enjoy reading all about our curriculum news this term.