

Year 2 update

R.E

In class worship the children have looked at the Gospel of Mark and some of Jesus' descriptions of the Kingdom of God. They have reflected on the theme 'We Cannot Walk Alone'. The children discussed working towards God's Kingdom on earth through walking alongside those who most need welcome, love and compassion. Sunday 13th June is St. Anthony's feast day, we will be focusing on St. Anthony in our R.E lessons next week.

English

Thank you for all the festival projects that have come into school, we can see that the children have been working really hard on them over the half term, and it has been lovely for them to share with each other what they have learned.

In English we have focused on poetry this week and have looked at the poem 'Come to the Puebla' which describes Cinco de Mayo, a festival which is celebrated each year in Mexico. When the children first listened to the poem they were encouraged to close their eyes and picture the image that the poem paints in their mind, they were then asked to draw this down and later compared it to actual photos of the festival.

The children then looked more closely at the poem and completed a comprehension task where they had to answer a variety of questions on the poem including retrieval questions, vocabulary questions and inferencing. They were learning how to answer questions in full sentences rather than starting a sentence with "because".

The children have been finding out about the Holi festival and next week will be writing a rhyming couplet based on it.

Maths

At the beginning of the week we had a focus on arithmetic skills. They recapped the column method and took on the role of the teacher spotting mistakes and correcting them.

We then revisited our prior learning on balancing the equation. This is where both sides of the equals sign need to have an equal total. Where children previously worked in small groups to balance equations children have now approached this independently. An example of a balanced equation would be.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 34+26 = 90-30 & & \\ \backslash \quad / & & \backslash \quad / \\ 60 & & 60 \end{array}$$

Next week we will be focusing on fact families where children use three numbers to make addition and subtraction numbers sentences, securing children's understanding of the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction.

London day

Thank you for all the effort you put into the children's costumes, they thoroughly enjoyed the day. Children listened to the story 'Katie in London' where they spotted some of the famous London landmarks, they then went on to find these on a map. They learned about the architect Christopher Wren who designed St Paul's cathedral after it burnt down during Great fire of London. The children loved creating the Great fire of London tea light holders.

Extra information:

- Next week the children will be watching an assembly produced by the NSPCC called Speak Out, Stay Safe. It looks to tackle safeguarding issues in a sensitive and age-appropriate way. There will be follow-up activities in class to further support the children's understanding of this important issue.
- The last multi skills for Lisbon is the 21st June. The last multi skills for Padua is 22nd June.
- We are awaiting the June 14th Government announcement relating to further easing of Lockdown restrictions. Unfortunately there looks like there will be a delay to this which will have an impact on our scheduled date for Sports Day. Elaine will email you about arrangements once the announcement is made.



5 Ways to Wellbeing

Weekly Challenge 9

This week we will be focusing on

'Learn'.

On Sunday, June 13th, it will be St. Anthony's Feast Day.

Elaine will be doing an assembly about his life and work next week so our Five Ways to Wellbeing Challenge is to find out some information about St. Anthony.

Here are some questions to research:

Where was St. Anthony born and in what year?

When did he die and in what year?

What name was he given when he was born?

What religious order or group did St. Anthony belong to?

When we see pictures of St. Anthony,

What is he normally seen carrying?

People pray to St. Anthony a lot but he is famous for one particular reason. Can you find out what it is?