

Year 2 Update 3.10.2025

Forest School

We played a new game called Heads and Tails. It's a fast and fun game that helps children to develop their ability to control their bodies and perform coordinated movements. Then, the children went on a hunt to find little pictures of different leaf people creations. Once all the leaves had been gathered, Emma challenged the children to work in pairs and create their own leaf person with the fallen autumn leaves. Everyone showed a lot of enthusiasm and imagination during this task. One leaf person had a "cool hairstyle" and another had a "funny top hat"! Some children named their characters.

Next it was story time and Emma told the children a story called 'The Warm Fuzzies' about some little people who lived in a forest on a faraway island. It is a story about giving to others and receiving things from others and how that can make you feel. Afterwards, we discussed what 'warm fuzzies' could mean in a wider sense in our everyday lives. Giving a hug, helping someone, and being kind to others were some of the ideas expressed by the children.

For the rest of the session, the majority of both classes decided that they would like to make their own 'warm fuzzy'. The method for making these is similar to making pom poms. Each child chose the wool colours they wanted and had to wind the wool 100 times around their fingers! There was a lot of good counting going on! Emma was impressed by the level of concentration, perseverance, and peer support among the children that she observed throughout the activity. Other children continued their interest in being creative with the autumn leaves. Some children made leaf caterpillars with pipe cleaners, cardboard, and lots of leaves. Other children enjoyed making their own leaf character on a piece of card and stuck them in place carefully. We had discovered some small animal scat (poo) in the morning and some children were interested in being trackers and working out which type of animal it belonged to. They looked carefully at our mammal and scat ID sheet and the ruler for size comparison. Both classes correctly identified it as mouse scat and we were able to add mouse to our Master Tracker List.

St Francis Feast Day

Thank you for all your effort in dressing the children up for St Francis' Feast Day. We have learnt all about St Francis and how he displayed a great love of God's World.

RE

- In R.E this week children have focused on St Benedict.
- We learnt that despite facing discrimination St Benedict brought hope to many people by feeding the poor and needy.
- Next week, we will be looking at the promises that are made during Baptism and how this links with Noah's actions.

Vocabulary: St Benedict, Italy, discrimination, hope, kindness.

English

- This week we have started our new text 'How to Make Friends with a Ghost'.

We looked at instruction writing and how they are all commands. We then wrote our



Own brilliant commands. We had to make sure that our commands started with an imperative verb (bossy verb).

- Next week, we will be creating 'Ghost profiles' to inform others about ghost.

Vocabulary: commands, inform, imperative verbs

Maths

- This week we have continued our place value topic by looking at counting on and back.
- The children have used the hundred square to count on and back from different starting points, noticing what happens when we cross 10.
- Next week, we will be ordering and comparing numbers.

Vocabulary: tens, ones, digit, numerals, place value, count on, count back.

Science

- Our Science topic this half term is Living Things and their Habitats.
- We have continued to explore different habitats such as a coastal habitat and a rainforest habitat.
- Next week, we will be using the computers to research a particular habitat.

Vocabulary: habitat, feature, food, supplies, water

Extra information:

- Please ensure children have plimsolls in school.
- Children should not be wearing any jewellery including rosaries in school.
- The trim trail is **not** to be used before or after school.
- **Tuesday 14th October 1.45-3.30pm** – Grandparents/community afternoon, please inform the office if you have someone who would like to attend.
- **Friday 17th October 9.15am** – Year 2 parents assembly, parents are welcome to complete an activity in class after the assembly.
- We would be grateful for any donations of tissues.

Have a lovely weekend,

Bella and Megan 😊