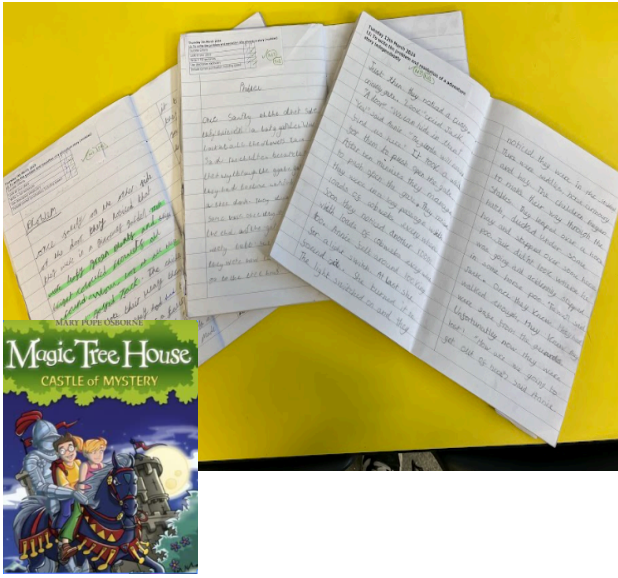


YEAR 2: SPRING 2 2024

The children have completed the following learning this half term:

English



The children began the half-term by looking at adventure stories. They explored the story 'The Magic Treehouse- Castle of Mystery'. After reading and creating a story map, they described the main characters then planned and wrote their own versions of the story's problem and resolution.

Afterwards, they explored recounts including features of a recount. After exploring, the children planned and wrote their own recounts to two different trips they had gone on.

In Grammar, the children learned how to use suffixes, using 'and', 'but', 'when', 'so that' and 'because' to make sentences longer, and apostrophes for contraction.

Maths



In maths, the children learned about 2D and 3D shapes including recognising different 2D and 3D shapes, properties of these shapes such as sides and vertices, finding lines of symmetry, sorting different shapes as well as making patterns using shapes.

Next, the children learned about whole and parts. Here they explored making equal parts, recognising different parts ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$), recognising other parts, unit fractions, as well as, counting in halves and quarters.

Throughout this half-term's learning, the children used a range of resources to support their learning including, 2D and 3D shapes, mirror, as well as taking part in class practicals.

Topic: Geography

Topic display



Trip



Make it Real



For Topic, the children learned about Blooming Baskets. They learned about different plants including the structure of a plant, what is needed for a plant to grow healthy in which we conducted different experiments to find this out. These experiments included looking at whether plants need sunlight to grow, water to grow and soil to grow. They then explored different materials and their properties where they explored which materials will ultimately make the best planter after exploring each main material and its properties in depth.

The unit was topped off with a visit to the Lookout Discovery Centre in Hyde Park. They learned more about seeds, seed dispersal and the structure of a plant. They even made their own pot and planted flowers.

To consolidate their learning, the children completed a **Make it Real** project where they conducted an experiment to decide on the material for their planters then decorated their plastic bottles to make their hanging baskets. They added soil and seeds into it before placing it outside in the KS1 playground. They cannot wait to see the plants grow!

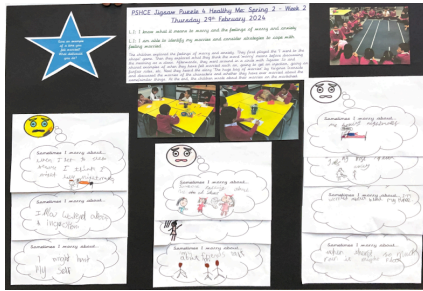
Other Subjects

The theme for **PHSE** this half term was 'Healthy Me'. We learned about how we can stay healthy mentally through exploring different emotions/feelings and how to overcome them such as when being afraid or nervous.

Our topic for **RE** was Islam. This half term we continued our learning about Islam. We explored the importance of the Qur'an, the 99 names of Allah as well as the significance of Ramadan, Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha.

In **PE**, the children have been mastering their balance in gymnastics by making and holding various balances, including a bridge and a bowl. They also created dance movements using some of the balances they learnt. During outdoor PE, the children have been working in teams to learn on attacking, defending and shooting through football.

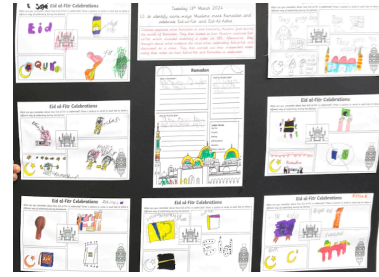
PHSE big book



PE



RE big book



In **Art**, the children have been learning about Georgia O'Keeffe and her famous close-ups representing flowers or various landscapes. We then used different drawing materials and created our own piece of Art in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe.

Meanwhile in **DT**, the children made their own tote bags. They first explored the best material for a tote bag considering its many properties. Then planned the design of their tote bags, thinking about what flowers they will draw, etc. Afterwards, they painted on a piece of calico material before gluing it onto their tote bags using fabric glue.

In **Computing**, the children learned about using 2 Animate on Purple Mash to create their own animations showcasing the lifecycle of a plant.

Art



DT Day



Computing

