

All Saints C of E Primary School...



What a half term for Early Years! We have enjoyed lots of fun experiences and learnt lots over the last few months.

Communication and Language

This term, we have looked at the book *The Snail and The Whale* by Julia Donaldson. It all started when we received a postcard from them. The postcard was sent from Antarctica and we couldn't wait to find out more about it! We found Antarctica on the map and globe and imagined what it would be like walking amongst the towering icebergs and sliding on the thick ice. The second postcard came from Costa Rica. We found out that it was very warm there and there were a lot more plants and trees. We have enjoyed exploring the different countries and oceans the snail and the whale visited and discovering the animals they encountered along the way. We compared Antarctica and Costa Rica with Whitefield. There were a lot of differences! We then made postcards to send from these places and talked about what we would have seen if we had been there. We especially enjoyed learning about the different animals that lived in Antarctica and Costa Rica and couldn't believe how tall Emperor penguins were!



Understanding the world

We have been observing the changes in nature as the seasons change. We have been helping to prepare the garden for spring, developing our understanding of growth and new life. We have also investigated ice and its properties, discovering how it changes in different conditions. As part of our learning about the world, we explored different animals and compared those living in hot and cold countries. It has been a wonderful time of hands-on exploration and discovery!



Mathematics

In mathematics we have continued to count daily, developing our understanding of number composition and representing numbers using marks, fingers, five or ten frames, and numerals. We have practised subitising, recognising numbers without counting, and identified smaller numbers within larger ones. Through songs and rhymes, we have explored the language of addition and subtraction in a fun and engaging way. We have really enjoyed exploring mass by comparing objects using balances, seesaws, and our hands. We found out that the largest object isn't necessarily the heaviest object! We also investigated capacity in the water tray. We found out which container held the most cupsful of water and used different objects to find the capacity of container too!

Religious Education

In RE we have been exploring why the word 'God' is special to Christians. We listened to the Creation story and discussed God as the Creator, reflecting on the wonders of the world. We also explored the different ways of praising God and showed an understanding as to why Christians do this, such as giving thanks for the world around them. Through discussions and activities, we gained a deeper appreciation of these ideas in an engaging and thoughtful way. We even made our own picture of God's creation and decided where we wanted to put all the wonderful creatures.

Expressive art and design

We have enjoyed drawing and painting lots of different animals this half-term and have looked carefully at their features. We also had great fun celebrating the 'Chinese New Year!' We held our own celebrations and took part in a dragon dance, had scarf dances and enjoyed acting out different scenarios in the Chinese Restaurant. We even tasted a variety of Chinese foods. We especially enjoyed the noodles! We are continuing to enjoy our weekly music sessions, where we have explored rhythm, melody, and movement. It has been a fun and enriching time filled with creativity and learning!

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