

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, what a busy term we have had! Firstly, we would like to say a huge well done to all the children for how well they have settled into Year 2 and the amazing perseverance they have demonstrated. We are very proud of all of them!

Our Year 2 journey began with the topic 'All about me!' We enjoyed learning all about each other and learnt some fascinating facts. We created booklets to tell each other all about our favourite things, hobbies, what we enjoy and what we are good at.

Every class within our school is named after a famous historian. 2RW are 'Seacole Class', 2KW are 'Cavell Class' and 2JG are 'Nightingale Class.' We found out about who our famous historian was and why they are remembered. We researched their life and found out about the work they did with helping lots of soldiers. After learning about how Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell helped to improve nursing and the way that hospitals were run, our pupils found out about how medicines were made. We learnt how these women are great role models and they always wanted to help the sick and wounded.



In Literacy, we wrote a letter to our future self and we are looking forward to reading and reflecting on these at the end of Year 2. We have covered many text types already this year including instructions, adventure stories, recounts and letters. We have developed our writing of character and setting descriptions, making sure we include capital letters full stops, finger spaces, question marks, exclamation marks, adjectives, noun phrases, conjunctions, fronted adverbials and even some use of commas! We particularly enjoyed writing apology letters to Mr Barker when our monsters made a mess in the classroom. We thoroughly enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and created fantastic wanted posters. We had lots of fun reading the story 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London,' and used this to inspire our writing. We were buzzing with facts and used these to write incredible diary entries.

We have covered many areas during Numeracy and we are becoming more confident when adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. We have practised multiplying, dividing, recognising 2D and 3D shapes and enjoyed practically exploring different types of measures. We are becoming money experts and can definitely help at home with the shopping. We have enjoyed our daily Number Sense sessions. We have become confident to use base ten, numicon, number lines and cubes to support our Maths work.



We have loved becoming scientists and exploring our topics, Animals including humans and Everyday materials. We began our learning by researching and identifying how animals and humans change as they grow. The children then used the knowledge they had acquired to order the human timeline. It was fantastic to then see our inquisitive scientists become so engaged with finding out about the lifecycles of animals and naming animal's offspring. We had lots of fun investigating

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whether taller children have bigger hands. We loved creating boats out of different materials and exploring their properties. We enjoyed investigating which materials would be the most suitable to make a boat. We have carried out lots of investigations and are becoming experts at using our Scientific enquiry skills.

We had a wonderful time on our Geography field trip around Hampton. We were great detectives who spotted a variety of detached houses, semi-detached houses, terraced housing and flats as part of our housing survey. Throughout the journey, we also enjoyed stopping and taking in what we could hear by listening carefully. We enjoyed creating our beautiful word pictures which described what we could see. To remember different parts of our exciting journey we collected a variety of items from crunchy leaves to miniscule pinecones and placed them on our journey maps.



In Art this term, we enjoyed sketching a self-portrait. We looked in a mirror and thought carefully about all the shapes and features we could see on our face. We enjoyed adding colour to our portraits in abstract ways to express ourselves. We discussed dry and wet media and choose our own media to create a backdrop for our Great Fire of London scene. We completed our piece of artwork by adding a silhouette. They looked amazing and we were very proud.



Within the first part of the term, the children learned about what is important to Jewish people. Toward the end of the second term, the children learned about why Christmas is important to Christians. As part of their cross-curricular work, the children went on a journey around our lovely school grounds where they found out about 'The Christmas Story'. They then used this knowledge to create a story map to support them with retelling the story.

As part of our Design Technology work, we enjoyed creating fire engines. We thought carefully about our designs and the features of fire engines. We enjoyed making our fire engines and were amazing when it came to sawing the dowelling for our wheels. Once they were made, we evaluated our designs and discussed how we would improve them. We were so proud of our fire engines and they looked fantastic.



Towards the end of the term, Year 2 had a wonderful time at the theatre. We watched a live orchestra performing the story of 'The Bear.' All the staff were so proud of how the children behaved and they were a credit to the school.



The new topics for next term will be Toys and Space, which we are sure the children will enjoy exploring through the exciting activities that we have planned.

We hope you have a magical Christmas holiday and we look forward to hearing all about what the children have been doing when we see them again in the New Year!

Mrs Wilding, Mrs Wills, Miss Griffin and the Year 2 team.