

Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 2: Our World and Beyond

This term, we went on a whole school trip, taking part in the Open Centre's Faith Trail. It was an incredible experience - full of wonderful sights, sounds and smells. We were made to feel so welcome by the different communities and all of the teachers were so proud of the children for the respect shown.

Robins

JAMBO! What a wonderful topic to end our school year! The Robins began by exploring 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. A wonderful text about an African tribe who were experiencing a drought and in desperate need of rain! This was an excellent introduction into the climate and weather in Africa and comparing it to the climate in the UK. We also looked at different Kenyan animals and their habitat. In Art, the children have been looking at traditional kente cloth patterns and designing their own, as well as creating beautiful sunset silhouettes. Over the past few weeks, we have been designing a travel brochure for a Kenyan Safari holiday. The children loved being travel agents and selling their holiday destinations to each other! We concluded our topic with an amazing African Drumming and Dance workshop, where the children got to experience and perform an African call and response song! It was so lovely to see the joy on all of their faces and a fantastic way to celebrate their learning this half term!



Woodpeckers

We started this term travelling to our favorite places around the world in hot air balloons. Our core text this term has been 'This is Our World' - it is a beautiful book that took us on a trip around the world to 20 very different places. Their extended piece of writing this term was a setting description. Using our book, the children decided they would like to focus on The Amazon Rainforest. We began by identifying the features of a setting description and then focused on alliteration, prepositions, similes and metaphors. We used a range of different sources to gather vocabulary for four senses (sight, touch, smell and sound) to help us write and then finally publish our final piece of writing. Our focus in Science this half term has been on sound. We have investigated how sound is made and travels. We then explored the relationship between volume and distance, how to block sound, what pitch is and how it changes and finally air vibrations - it has been a very fun but noisy unit! In DT, we have looked at, made and tasted food from around the world (the tasting being the best part!). To fit in with our theme this term our Geography has been countries of the world. I have been blown away with the children's map and atlas skills and knowledge of the world! We have located and named the 7 continents, identified countries within them and looked at their geographical features, located and named countries capital and finally compared different countries. It has been a lovely final term of the year!



Owls

This half term has been an incredible one, with so much to celebrate in Owls. It began with the children becoming detectives, as our new class reading book, The Clockwork Sparrow, was introduced. Mrs. Whitney created a wonderful orienteering challenge around Longford for our immersion activity. We had to gather clues that gradually revealed the book. It was a very exciting way to begin the topic and really captured the children's attention! The book then inspired some incredibly persuasive adverts, promoting the opening of Sinclair's famous department store and a newspaper report, detailing the investigation into the theft of the priceless Clockwork Sparrow and a shooting! In the last few days of this half term, inspired by The Clockwork Sparrow, we also created some beautiful book reports. This was an ideal time to celebrate reading and enjoy sharing our favorite books.

Our History carried on from last half term, where we continued to look at London, with some fantastic fact files being produced as our topic homework - some being historical and others current.

In Science, we investigated reversible and irreversible changes including evaporation and burning and we even got to eat chocolate strawberries! We studied the work of Andy Warhol in Art, producing an incredible display of Pop Art portraits of the Queen.

