

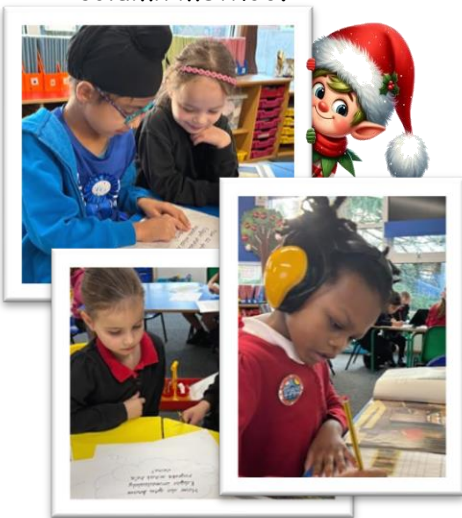
Merry Christmas!

It has been a long term and year 2 have shown just how hard they can work this year to succeed. They have most definitely earned a relaxing break over the Christmas holidays. Well done year 2. You should be very proud of yourselves!

In our maths lessons the class has worked hard with deepening their knowledge of place value. They have learned different ways to represent hundreds, tens and ones. They have done this using a variety of resources to support their understanding of the meaning of a number. They have also been learning about addition and subtraction and developing their skills with the column method.



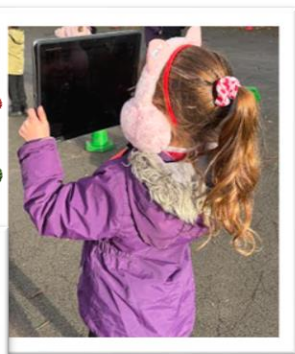
Our phonics sessions have supported the children with both their reading and writing and they very much enjoy the games where they can apply their skills. During our English lessons the children have impressed me with their ability to engage in our grammar activities to help them understand the features required in their own writing. The children's reading has developed this year and the class really enjoy our VIPERS sessions, where they learn the key areas they need to improve their comprehension of texts. They have wowed me with their VIPERS talk skills where they have used the evidence from a text and their own reasoning to answer



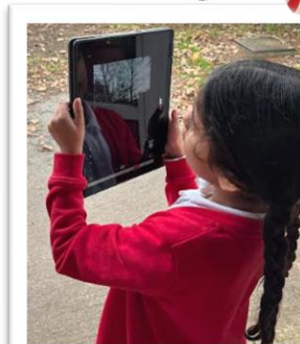
During our science lessons we have learned about life processes, habitats and the animals that live in particular places. We have learned about materials and their properties, investigating why certain properties are useful for objects and testing materials to see if they change shape through twisting, bending, squashing and stretching.



In our PSHE lessons, the children have been discussing relationships and families, and wellbeing. They loved challenging themselves to see how it made them feel when they were successful. In our British values lessons, they have been learning about democracy and making links to the protected characteristics that we learn about in our Everybody Welcome lessons.



Computing lessons are a real favourite of Year 2 and the children can confidently talk about how to stay safe online and who they can talk to if they are unsure about any content that they are unsure about. Their knowledge of computer components has really developed and their digital photography unit has been a huge success!



In RE, the children have been learning about the creation and Judaism and how faith is an important part of many people's lives.



In geography the children have developed their knowledge of the North and South poles and the equator. They have impressed me during our weekly quizzes where they are able to recall the names of the continents and seas. In history we have been learning about famous nurses and have discovered what they did to become significant people in history. The children have sequenced historic events and used the zone of relevance to learn about how to determine relevant information.



In DT the children have been learning about the different food groups, how to use the right equipment to prepare ingredients for a healthy wrap and creating different food combinations. They enjoyed their tasting session before making their wrap.



Our enrichment activities have been real highlights of this term. The children loved the VR headset session. What better way to end the term, than a trip to the Snow Dome where the children had the best time sliding, slipping and smiling!

