

Merry Christmas!

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.



During our English lessons the children have impressed me with their ability to engage in our 'Talk for Writing' activities to help them internalise the pattern of the language required. They have confidently thought about the key ingredients that help to make the text work and innovated on the pattern of the text. This has resulted in some great independent pieces of writing that they have been proud of. The children's reading has developed this year and the class 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 questions

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 was 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.



During our science lessons we have learned about materials and their properties, investigating if they are waterproof or not.

We have also learned about different scientists and their inventions and discoveries like Alexander Graham Bell and his telephone, Isaac Newton and his discoveries regarding gravity light and they particularly enjoyed learning about the wind using their own wind vanes.

Our topic work has been very informative. In geography the children have developed their knowledge of the UK and can confidently compare it to a village called Kampong Ayer in Brunei. They have impressed me during our weekly quizzes where they are able to recall the names of the continents and seas as well as their understanding of weather patterns around the world. In history we have been learning about famous nurses and have discovered what they did to become significant people in history.



In our PSHE lessons, the children have been discussing relationships and families, and gaining a better understanding of fairness using a variety of learning including role-play. 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.

A highlight of this term was our cooking, where we made apple crumbles and also baked cakes as part of our fundraising for Children in Need. us and of course Children in Need. We couldn't have done it without your support.



What better way to end the year than with a trip to the Snow Dome where the children had the best time sliding, slipping and smiling! They absolutely loved the pantomime where Santa took Alice into the Winter Wonderland.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support that you have given us this term. We are thoroughly enjoying teaching your children and you have all shown so much kindness, patience and encouraging words.

Thank you all and we wish you a wonderful, relaxing and peaceful Christmas.

Mrs Siddons and Mr Dixon