

Merry Christmas!

Year 2 have worked so hard this term and have shown true resilience and determination 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!

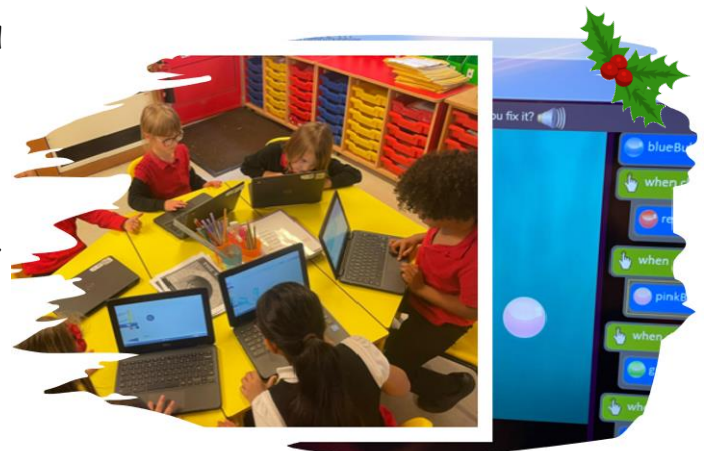
In our maths lessons the class has worked hard with deepening their knowledge of place value. They have learned different ways to represent hundreds, tens and ones. They have done this using a variety of resources to support their understanding of the meaning of a number. They have also been learning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

All of these skills and knowledge have been applied during our money unit and multiplication unit.



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 book 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 coding skills have developed really well and they can enter algorithms to make objects move across the screen and disappear. They really enjoyed creating an airport to land their aeroplanes.



During our science lessons we have looked at life cycles including our own. They understand that all living things have cycles where they grow and reproduce. We have also been investigating the growth of plants by learning about what they need to grow, seed dispersal and plant reproduction.



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 people and have discovered what they did to become famous. The children all enjoyed learning to read and write using the Braille code.



In our personal growth curriculum, the children have been learning the changes that food goes through from garden to plate and made their own tomato soup from fresh ingredients. They have also learned about peace and conflict. They took part in lots of activities including painting their own Remembrance poppies.

A highlight of this term was our fundraising for Children in Need. We had a class raffle, activity pack sales and a very successful toy sale. They raised a total of £205! We are all so very, very proud of them. Also, a huge thank you to you all for supporting them, us and of course Children in Need. We couldn't have done it without your support.



I have learned how much this class enjoy dressing up for a school occasion. The turnout is just amazing! This was most evident during our 'Spooky Dress Up' day! The children looked phenomenal!

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!



Finally, 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