

Magnificent Monarchs



Subject/ area	Subject Summary
English/ Literacy	<p>This half term, Year 2 and 3 have focussed on 'The Paper Bag Princess' by Robert Munsch. The children started by making their own paper bag princesses. Throughout, we have had some very thoughtful discussions particularly about the different character and their traits.</p> <p>We were very lucky to have a visit from the fantastic author, Adam Bushnell. He helped us to invent our own stories just like The Paper Bag Princess. Adam even knighted us! So now we are a Sir or a Lady.</p> <p>We were the stars of our new stories. The children described themselves as a knight and drew their own dragons, who were the monsters in our stories. Why don't you try to draw and describe your own dragon? Draw a Dragon - YouTube</p> <p>You can read some of our wonderful work on the slideshow.</p>
PSHE/SMSC/RRSA	<p>This half term has been all about relationships. We have had some very thoughtful discussions about families and what makes a happy home and what types of physical touches we like and which ones we don't. We agreed that we all like a hug. The children have worked hard to use the positive problem-solving steps to resolve any disputes with their friends and they enjoyed creating their own circles of trust.</p> <p>As part of our work in Science and History, we have talked about our right to a shelter (Article 21) and our right to play (Article 31). The children created shelters and thought about what is needed to survive. In History, we have been learning about holidays and the different ways children have played throughout the last 150 years.</p>
Maths	<p>This half term, Year 2 and 3 have been focussing on multiplication and division. We spent a lot of time making sure that we understood how to make and recognise equal groups. The children have worked very hard to calculate the multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times table. We have now going to use Times Tables Rockstars to quickly recall the facts. In the slideshow you will see we have used different methods to calculate the division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times table.</p>
RE	<p>The children have been fascinated to learn about Buddhism and answer the question 'How do Buddhists show their beliefs?' They have enjoyed making their own Dharma wheels with the 8 rules of the Buddhist faith and I was so impressed with their mandalas. The children explored some items that Buddhists use and created some very thoughtful prayer flags.</p>
Art	<p>We have loved learning about portraits. They know what a portrait is and have recreated their favourite monarch portrait, they have also used paint programs on the iPads, charcoal and pencils to produce self-portraits and portraits of their friends. Their art work has been amazing!</p>
D&T	N/A
History	<p>We have really enjoyed learning about seaside holidays in the past. The children have loved using primary sources to explore how holidays have changed over the years and they have learnt some fascinating facts about holidays in the 1950s and during the Victorian period. Enjoy reading their facts on the slideshow.</p>
Geography	N/A
Music	<p>The children have worked so hard to learn the Friendship song this half term. Not only have they learned the multi-verse song, they have been able to add glockenspiel accompaniment and play in time with each other.</p>
Computing	<p>I have been so impressed with how much the children have improved their Coding skills. They have worked through the challenges on Purple Mash and they have been able to achieve them faster</p>

	<p>and faster each week.</p> <p>You can try their favourite 2code on Purple Mash. Purple Mash by 2Simple</p>
<i>MFL</i>	<p>The children have really enjoyed Spanish this half term because it has also linked with our History topic of holidays. As you can see in the pictures below, they have been able to name different parts of a seaside resort, describe flags from around the world and practise buying and selling things that you would find at the seaside.</p>
<i>Science</i>	<p>The children have continued to explore habitats. They loved searching the school grounds for evidence of different minibeasts and microhabitats. They even made their own habitats with natural resources on the school field. Which minibeasts can you find in your local area?</p> <p>To finish our topic. the children picked an animal and described how they were suited to their habitat. I hope you enjoy reading them.</p> <p>The children enjoyed trying to create a tower using only paper. I was really impressed with some of their ideas and they made some very tall towers.</p>
<i>PE</i>	<p>The children absolutely loved the game, Piggy in the Middle. They even play it at break times! They enjoyed using tactics to trick people and they were happy to take on the role of both the attacker and the defender in the game.</p> <p>We were very lucky to have an opportunity to work with Joey again from The Foundation of Light. This time we focussed on tennis and improving our ball skills. The children became more confident using a racket and a tennis ball to balance and bounce and they tried to pass the ball with their partner.</p> <p>We have also worked improving our teamwork skills. The children have done a great job at working together to make numbers, letters and solve problems.</p>