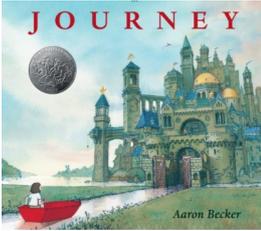


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We have had a busy first two weeks of this half term and it is lovely to finally feel a little warmth in the sun at playtimes! Spring is definitely on the way. The children have applied themselves brilliantly to their new units of work and have had a very settled start to the new term.

World Book Day



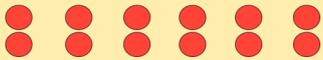
We had a wonderful day on Thursday, the children all looked fantastic and it was a joy to share many lovely stories with them. We used the book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker as a whole school focus. This is a beautiful wordless picture book which really allows us to use our imaginations and wonderful vocabulary to bring this story to life. After sharing the beginning of the story, the children then worked in small groups to create their own world to explore on their journey. The resulting worlds were incredible and created from a range of resources including lego, building blocks and craft materials. We then worked on a collaborative class story using ideas from the children's worlds. We learned how to refine and edit our story to make it even better before creating a final draft. The best bit was sharing our stories with the other class. The children were rightly proud of their incredible shared writing.

Curriculum

Over the past couple of weeks, our English work has focused on non-fiction information texts. We have already looked at a model text about tigers and completed lots of written work focusing on our key skills of finger spaces, capital letters and full stops or question marks. We then innovated this text to write an information text on parrots. Next week we will be planning and writing our own information texts about a different animal.



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This week we have been introducing the children to multiplication for the first time. This has involved creating groups of objects or drawing groups (e.g. 3 groups of 2, 4 lots of 5) then counting in 2s or 5s to find the answer. This is the first step in learning how to multiply and being able to count confidently in 2s and 5s makes this a lot easier.

Our science unit this half term focuses on animals including humans. We have learned that scientists group vertebrates into 5 groups—mammals, reptiles, fish, birds and amphibians. The children worked in groups outside to find out facts about one of the animal groups. They then shared their facts with the rest of the class. This was a fabulously active way to help the children explore this concept as they had to run around the yard to find all the different animal facts and decide which ones fitted their group. It was lots of fun!

Our computing lessons this half term focus on creating digital art. We talked about all the different ways we can create art and then used '2 paint' on Purple Mash to explore the many different tools available to help us to create a piece of art. The children explored using lines, shapes and fill tools along with special effects like spray paint. We also learned how to save our piece of art so we can come back to it later. The trickiest part was being able to log onto Purple Mash but we know with more practise we will get faster each week.

Outdoor Learning



In Year 1, we love Outdoor Learning and all the benefits it brings. As the weather improves, we are enjoying even more of our lessons outside.

Last week, we were busy learning how to measure using non-standard units in maths and we began discovering the importance of using standard units too. This gave us lots of opportunities to go outside and use different non-standard units to measure objects such as the width of the slide, the height of the raised beds and the length of a bench. We then explored things that were longer or shorter than 1 metre, as well as items that were longer, shorter or approximately 10cm. Alongside practising our measuring skills, we learned how to work as part of a team, supporting and helping each other to complete the different tasks.

We also took our Geography learning outside this week. The children visited five different stations in the yard where they listened to statements about the Sahara Desert. They discussed each one and decided whether it was true or false. The children were surprised to discover that it is not always hot in the Sahara and that temperatures can actually drop below freezing at night.



Dates for your Diary

WB 9th March—Mother's Day gift shop

KS1 Disco—Thursday 19th March 4:30—5:30 (children who are attending a club on this day can bring their disco clothes to school and will be brought to the disco by school staff).

Year 1 Spring Assembly—Thursday 2nd April 9:15am (max 2 adults per family).

Last day of term—Thursday 2nd April

First day of summer term—Monday 20th April



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