

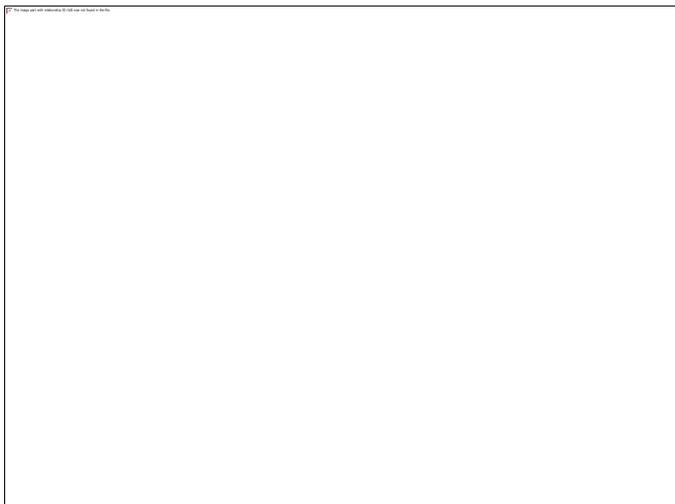
Year 1JS End of Autumn Term Class Blog

WOW! What a fantastic Autumn in Year 1, we have enjoyed. This term has been a huge adjustment, for all of our children and they have exceeded our high expectations. Congratulations to all of our children for their amazing dedication to learning - They truly have been wonderful to teach and we hope you enjoy looking at their journey so far...

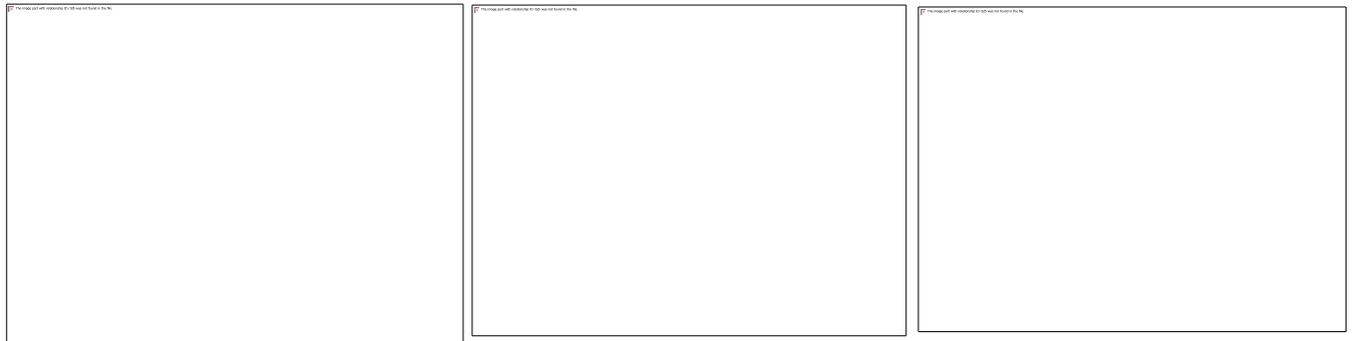
In Autumn One our topic was All About Me! The children studied: English, Maths, History, Science, ICT, and P.E.

You may remember that we set a history homework task, which required your child to interview an older member of their family. The response was brilliant and the children had some fabulous stories, to tell their friends. One of the most memorable was finding out about the game - what's the time Mr. Wolf. The children were so enthusiastic, they still continue to play this game today.

In science, we were finding out all about the human body. The children chose Bobby to be our child for the display and we built him, onto our wall. They then spent time learning the names of lots of body parts. We thought about why they are there and what we use them for. Next, we moved onto senses and did lots of investigating to find out how important all of our senses are.



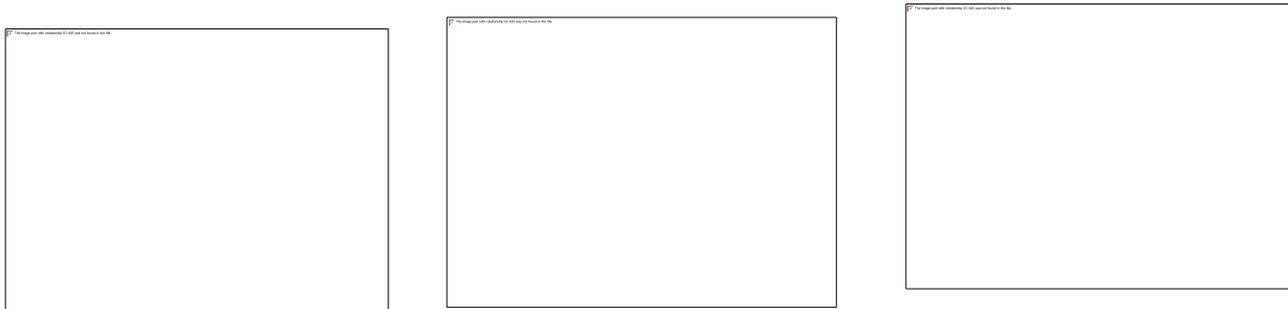
In our ICT lessons we began to use I-pads and the children had lots of practise learning how to log on and use programmes such as Purple Mash, Education City and of course the brilliant new home-learning system of SHOWBIE.



Reading every day is extremely important for us in Year 1 and the children have obviously been working hard at home, throughout the summer. They are working on Set 3 sounds already and we have seen wonderful progress in their fluency. Keep up the good work over the Christmas holidays!

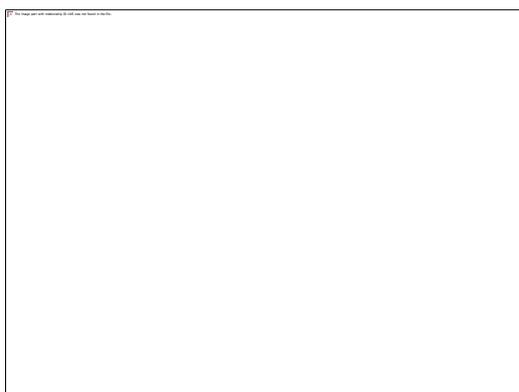
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In maths, the children have studied in depth the magic of numbers. They practise writing their numbers daily in digits and words. They have explored mathematical symbols and recognising facts and patterns, which helps to support their fluency in this subject. A target for year one is to be able to count in 2's, 5's and 10's speedily. This would be a good challenge for all the children to continue practising over the holidays. It links to our times tables and the children will shortly be receiving usernames and passwords for our Times-Table Rock Star game. This is accessible on most internet devices either via an app or through a normal website. I can view their efforts and look forward to seeing their improvement continue. I am sure they will enjoy it!



After half term we moved onto the topic of Superheroes!

We discussed the fun heroes like Spiderman and Batman but we also thought about who we would consider to be a real-life hero. It was quite fitting, that doctors and nurses were top of our list and then came the good news of a vaccine for Coronavirus. This really turned our focus to science and the important part it plays in all of our lives. We decided to make a scientist as our main display and filled the wall with the new vocabulary, that we had learned. I don't think we have ever had a Year 1 class with so many budding scientists!



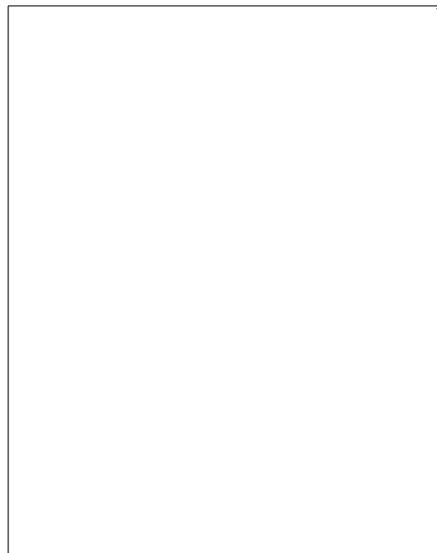
The children have studied materials and their properties, then they investigated their usefulness. They have sorted objects and begun to understand the concept of categorising.

Our P.E. lessons were all about dancing! The children began by creating shapes with their body (more maths) and learning how to create their own short routines. Next, we decided to create a whole class dance and chose the music from Shakin Stevens - 'Merry Christmas Everyone'. I'm sure you will see them bopping around to this, if you play it over the holidays!

In art we have studied the famous artist Leonardo Da Vinci, the children were memorised by his painting of The Last Supper. They were also impressed, with how much money his work is worth! We considered how Da Vinci may have begun to create his masterpieces and began with thinking about lines and different thicknesses. The children were taught about tone and how they can manoeuvre a pencil in different ways, to create effects. They learnt the skill of cross-hatching and have created their own mini-masterpieces!



R.E. has been another subject, that the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about. They have studied the religion of Christianity, this term. We found out about the main aspects of Christianity and then looked in more detail at the Bible. The children loved hearing the stories about some of Jesus' miracles, and were keen to find out more about the twelve disciples. To link with our Christmas play, the children then studied the story of Jesus' birth. Sadly, this year we have been unable to perform for everybody but we have been able to make a short film (along with the rest of our school community). We hope you enjoy it!



We are all looking forward to our Christmas break and hope that all of our Children and Families are able to have a restful and fun time together. Keep up the reading and maths practise! Stay safe and we will be ready to welcome you all back in the new year!

Merry Christmas

From

Mrs Stamper and Miss Burnikell

