

Welcome to Year 1- Foxes



We have been finding out and learning about all sorts of new and wonderful things since being in Year 1. Please read on and find out!

Literacy

We started this term exploring poetry. We used Ian McMillan's wonderful poem: '10 Things Found in a Wizard's Pocket' as a starter to learn about exploring creative language and using our imagination. The children wrote their own poems about 10 Things Found in an Artist's pocket. We then moved on to 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. This gave us a chance to not only look at a fabulous author and illustrator but also think about the differences between fiction and non-fiction. The children in Year 1 explored re-writing this familiar tale from the perspective of the seed and had some lovely ideas. We finished off the half-term with non-fiction texts. We had lots of fun linking our literacy lessons with Safer Internet Day 2019. The children loved exploring on the IPAD's to research facts on how to be safe online. The children were enthusiastic about creating their very own factual poster. We enjoyed visiting the ICT suite and typing a plan for our poster as well as browsing the web for photos we could include on our final piece. We showed great enthusiasm when presenting our posters and sharing the facts, we had researched in class.

Maths

We have continued to work hard to count in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's to 100 and back. We enjoyed representing numbers in different ways by using base 10, ten frames and place value grids. We have enjoyed learning about more than and less than and have developed our skills to compare groups of objects and numbers. We have been working hard and challenging our learning through 'diving deeper'. As part of diving deeper, we have to choose one of the following 'draw it, explain it, make a mistake, tell a story or prove it'. We have developed our reasoning skills and feel more confident to write a sentence using 'because' to explain 'why' for different mathematical problems. We have enjoyed representing number bonds to 20 using counters and ten frames as well as using cubes to make 20 and then split in different ways. We also used numicon as a way to help find our number bonds to 20.

Science

Our focus has been learning all about plants and lifecycles. We have looked at a wide range of plants and named common plants in the environment. We have enjoyed labelling a plant and discussing what each part does as part of the lifecycle process. In addition to this, we have been learning about seasonal changes and how the environment, weather and day has changed with the onset of Spring.

Topic

Our topic this term is Paint a Picture, which is a lovely art based project. We started looking at portraits and exploring different techniques for drawing and colouring portraits. We have also been exploring colour learning about how to mix primary colours and use black and white to make different shades and tints in colour. We have started looking at a range of artists and painting techniques.

