

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 have read several great books this term, which have all given us the chance to explore our creative thinking and writing skills. We have looked at poetry and non-fiction texts. In the last few weeks, we have been exploring acrostic poems and we really enjoyed writing our own acrostic poem about our favourite season. We have really focused on developing our vocabulary and using descriptive words in our writing. We really enjoyed thinking of adjectives to describe the different seasons. We have also focused on instructional writing and enjoyed writing instructions to make Christmas biscuits. This half term finished with us following our written instructions to make Christmas biscuits. The children loved making and decorating their biscuits and recording their recipe using the I pads which linked very nicely with ICT. The children were very reflective and discussed what they would do to improve their recipe if they were to do it again. This term we have been focusing on writing a clear sentence by saying the sentence aloud and reading this to the teacher. As well as this we have focused on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our sentence and of course developing our phonics skills to apply our sounds independently in our writing. The children have been working hard to form and join all letters correctly.

Maths

We have been working really hard to count in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's to 100. We have been learning how to use a number line to help us solve subtraction and addition sums and are getting better and better at it! We have been working hard to dive deeper in our maths and have learnt how to represent number sentences using the part whole model (abstract), objects (concrete) and pictures to deepen our understanding of addition and subtraction. We have also explored 2D and 3D shapes. We loved going on a shape hunt around the school and finding 3D shapes around the school environment. The children enjoyed creating repeated patterns using shape and colour. This term finished focusing on place value. The children have been learning how they can represent in different ways using objects and pictorial representations. We also sorted objects and discussed as a class how we sorted them into different groups. We have worked really hard to develop our reasoning skills this term and writing a sentence to explain our answers in more depth.

Science

Our focus has been learning all about different materials and their properties. We have looked at a wide range of materials. We have described them and discovered how they are used. We have also carried a range of investigations to explore materials and their properties. In addition to this we have been learning about seasonal changes and how the environment, weather and day has changed with the onset of Autumn.

Topic

This term we have been learning about Guy Fawkes. We have enjoyed finding out all about Guy Fawkes and learning about the Gunpowder Plot. We have had lots of fun hot seating Guy Fawkes and creating wanted posters for him. The highlight of this term has been the visit from the theatre company, which allowed for us to explore the Great Fire of London again and in groups act out different stages of the fire. The children showed great enthusiasm when re-creating the scene of events and acting in time of 1666.



