Year 3N - Autumn Half Term (September to October 2018)

Over this half term, the children have been very busy learning new things through topic, English and Maths.

**English**

In English, we have looked at different settings. We discussed the settings and how they made us feel before acting them out. We then used what we had discussed to write our own setting based on a picture we had chosen. Some of us wrote a spooky setting and some of us wrote a fairy tale setting, like in Snow White. We then began looking at poetry. We have learned what narrative poems, free verse poems and shape poems are. We discussed a variety of poems by Roger McGough and Christina Rossetti. We watched the poets perform the poems and discussed what makes a good performance. We then acted out some poems using actions and expression to make our performances more entertaining for the audience. We have just written our own poem based on the poem ‘The Sound Collector’ by Roger McGough. We identified objects/people and the sounds they make. We even managed to make some of these rhyme in our poems. At the moment, we are practising performing our own poems to the rest of the class. To help us improve our writing, we have learned how to write using the perfect tense. We also know what features to use in different types of writing, such as speech marks in story writing.

**Maths**

In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers within 1000. We now know the value of each digit and we are able to compare and order 3 digit numbers, saying which numbers are more or less than. We have also carried out some problem solving and reasoning activities which involves using what we have learned to explain our thinking! We are currently working on addition and subtraction of 3 digit numbers. We have been adding and subtracting 10s or 100s. We are now focusing on adding 1-digit and 2-digit numbers to 3-digit numbers and subtracting 1-digit and 2-digit numbers from 3-digit numbers. We know that sometimes we may need to exchange or borrow in order for us to work out the answer.

We have also been working on our fluency knowledge. Each week, we are given some fluency facts to learn and we have been tested every Friday to see if we can move up our fluency ladder. Some of us are close to receiving our first certificate.

**Science**

In Science, we have learned about forces and magnets. We have carried out some investigations to learn more about them. We have learned that a force can be a push, pull or twist. We went on a walk around school to find out how forces are used to make objects move. We tested our magnets too, identifying which objects are magnet and nonmagnetic. We found out that you need to push the tap to make the water come out, you need to pull a door to open it and you need to twist the bottle on some of our water bottles to take the lid off. We also found out that some of the objects around school that look magnetic actually aren’t. This made us realise that not all metals are magnetic, we were amazed! We have investigated how different surfaces can change the speed objects move. We did this by putting a car at the top of a ramp and having different materials, such as carpet, wood, sandpaper and felt on the ramp, and then letting the car go and recording how far it travelled. This introduced us to the term ‘friction’ and how it can work to stop or slow something down. The surface which was made of wood allowed the car to travel the furthest. We have learned how there are forces of nature all around us.

**PE**

In PE, we have enjoyed learning about and playing netball. We know the different types of passes used in netball and we have all tried hard when practising these. We have practised how to jump, land and pivot correctly. Some of us found this a bit tricky but we kept on trying! We really enjoyed practising dodging and marking players and then trying to score through the net! At the end of the unit, we applied all the skills we had learned and played a game of netball. This was both fun and competitive. We were very noisy!!

We have now moved onto ball skills and we are building on the skills we learned in Year 2. We have been working on travelling with a ball, sending a ball in different ways and receiving a ball in different ways. To help us develop these skills we have moved the ball around our body making sure we didn’t drop it. Miss Newby wasn’t very good at this - we could do it a lot better than she could! We have used a tennis racket, a football, a basketball, and a hockey stick to move a ball in different ways, which has allowed us to develop different skills. We have used the same method to receive and control a ball before sending it back to our partner. We are now going to be moving onto making our throwing skills accurate by trying to strike a target, and develop our catching skills by trying to stop the ball hitting the target. We are looking forward to this!

**French**

In French, we have built on our knowledge from Year 2 and can now use hello and goodbye in a conversation. We have also been learning numbers to 10, asking someone how they are, saying how we are feeling, asking someone their age and telling someone how old we are. We have been able to use all of the vocabulary we have learned in both Year 2 and 3 to have a simple conversation with our friends. We can say:

“Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_. How are you?”

“Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_. I’m \_\_\_\_\_\_ thank you. How are you?

“I’m \_\_\_\_\_\_ thank you. How old are you?”

“I am \_\_\_\_\_\_ years old. How old are you?”

“I am \_\_\_\_\_\_ years old. Goodbye.”

“Goodbye.”

**PSHE**

In PSHE, this half term we have been thinking about our emotional, physical and mental health and what can have a positive and negative effect on these. We have discussed activities and situations which can help us to have positive emotional, physical and mental health. We have learned about a balanced lifestyle and all the factors that contribute to it including, sleep, exercise and food.

We have identified and celebrated achievements we have achieved throughout our lives. We shared our achievements with our friends. We all enjoying this lesson and learned interesting facts about our friends and their achievements.

**SMSC**

In SMSC, we have been looking at British Law and rules in Britain. At first, we looked at the main political parties and their leaders. We worked in groups to create posters and presented them to the rest of the class. We have also looked at the laws of Britain and what happens if we break these laws. We really enjoyed doing this! We then compared the rules of different places in Britain and discussed why they are different. We looked at places, such as school and home, and discussed how the rules we would follow in each place are different but that they are different for a reason.

We have also looked at how and why we need to keep other people’s belongings safe and be respectful of them. We discussed different scenarios as a class. We now know what to do in dangerous situations. We have talked about different dangerous situations and what we do to keep ourselves safe. We even acted some of these out in groups.

**Music**

We have really enjoyed music this half term, focusing on singing. We have listened to and analysed a range of songs, covering a range of genres, and we have had a go at singing them all. We have chosen one song that we have all enjoyed practising and we have added actions ready for us to perform in front of the whole school!