Year Y2W - Autumn Half Term (September to October 2018)

It has been an excellent first half term and all the children have worked extremely hard and settled well into their new year group.

**English**

In English the children have read two stories that dealt with themes of overcoming worries and facing fears. They looked in depth at two characters and developed their knowledge of sentence constructions and punctuation. We also looked at how expanded noun phrases can be used to add more detail to a noun. We then wrote in role as a character writing a continuation of one of the stories and a letter for the other.

**Maths**

In Maths we have been focusing on numbers within 100. We now know the value of each digit and we are able to compare and order 2 digit numbers. We have also carried out some problem solving and reasoning activities which means we need to explain our thinking using what we have learned. We are currently working on addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers. We can add and subtract in 1s or 10s using a number line, mentally or using more formal methods like column.

**Science**

In Science we have learned about materials and we have carried out some investigations to learn more about then. We have learned the names of everyday materials and why they are used for that certain object based on their properties. We found out that some materials are bendy whilst others are rigid and also how some materials can be used to make the same objects.

We have investigated which materials are waterproof and would be best to stop a leaking pipe. We did this by testing a variety of materials to see if they let the water pass through or not. This also introduced us to new vocabulary like absorbent.

**PE**

In PE, we have enjoyed developing our ball skills and learning a variety of new multi-skills too. We started by looking at different ways we can move, stop and control a ball and then developed these skills by sending and receiving to a partner. The level of difficulty increased each week as we got better and we used a variety of different sized ball and beanbags to help us. In the final weeks we applied out newly taught skills to a game and developed our ability to work as a team and develop tactics to help us score points.

**SMSC**

In SMSC we have been looking at the pirate code and how this is relevant to rules we have in school. We have looked at the consequences, both good and bad, when the rules are used and how these actions can have an impact on not just ourselves but other people too. We also looked at the role ‘democracy’ plays in our country when we voted for our class councillor. We discussed the key qualities they would need i.e.; trustworthy, reliable, sensible and committed to carry out the role and then we voted for whom we thought would be best suited.

**RE**

In RE we have been learning about the Hindi faith. We have learnt that Hindus believe in one God represented in many forms and images. E.g. as Ganesh God of wisdom and remover of obstacles. We know some stories from the Hindu scriptures associated with Divali and Raksha Bandhan and how these festivals are celebrated. We even designed and made our own Raksha Bandhan bracelets. We have a growing knowledge of some religious artefacts, place and practices, and how these are celebrated and worshipped at home as well as in a temple.