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

It has been an excellent second half term and all the children have continued to work extremely hard.

English

In English the children explored the Big Question: Could you keep an orang-utan as a pet? They read the interactive eBook All About Orang-utans, asking questions and collecting facts. They researched other animals in 'expert groups' and presented their findings. In the long writing task, they designed and wrote their own non-fiction report and make this into an eBook. We then read and discussed a variety of news stories, looking at the big news questions and the structure of a news report to develop their skills. We practised recounting events in the past tense and using noun phrases to write captions, as well as writing questions using correct punctuation. After some teacher modelling, the children wrote their own news reports.

Maths

In Maths we have been focusing on money. Children have learnt to recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p), combine amounts to make a particular value and find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money. We then applied previously taught skills to solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change.

Science

In Science we have continued to learn about materials and their properties. We have looked at how recycling is very important and how the earth needs everyone to recycle as much as they can. Children went through a range of items and grouped them into different material groups. We then discussed how certain groups, such as plastic, can look and feel different to each other and came up with ideas for each material after it has been recycled, thinking carefully about the properties of the material itself and what purpose it would suit.

RE

In RE we have looked at Christianity and discussed the big question; **'How and why is light important at Christmas?'** We have looked closely at the Christmas story and learnt how Christians celebrate Christmas using light; we have also linked this to our own lives and discussed how light is important to us too. We then further explored that Jesus is Special to God for Christians and is described as the light of the world.

PSHE

In PSHE we have looked at the importance of, and how to, maintain personal hygiene. We have looked at what we can do ourselves to help maintain this and also who to turn to if we need further help. We have looked at how some diseases are spread and can be controlled and the responsibilities we have for own health and that of others. As a class we carried out experiments to prove this and analysed the results to help us further. We then looked at the process of growing from young to old and how people's needs change as they grow older.

PE

In PE, we have continued to develop 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.