



CLASSROOM NEWS

'Take a peek at our week'

Term 2, Week 5: 28/11/16 - 2/12/16

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

English

This week, the children have been learning more about spelling, punctuation and grammar. We have been learning how to accurately use commas, what parenthesis mean, how to start sentences in different ways and how to use ambitious conjunctions. The children wrote the story of Tattercoats from memory whilst considering all the 'ingredients' that make the writing move from good to excellent.

RE

This week, the children learnt about the Hindu deity, Ganesh. The children studied a picture of him and wrote down questions. We recorded some facts about Ganesh and the children learnt what some of the items around/on him meant. We found out that Ganesh is a friend of the small and despised, who should all be respected and valued. The children compared this to the Christian faith and we considered what this meant to us.

Topic

In topic, the children learnt about climate zones and land use, economic activity and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. They found out that they make clogs in Holland, Goats' cheese in the Pyrenees and we watched a clip about seaweed harvesting in Brittany.

Science

The children carried out an investigation in Science this week. They were initially asked whether they thought that putting a 'coat' on an ice cube would make it melt faster or slower than an ice cube without a coat. We had a variety of opinions. The children performed observations every 5 minutes and recorded their findings. Most children were surprised by the results.



Well done to Lucy R, who won the poetry competition. The school council chose the winners of the different classes.

Leybourne Grange

Friday 9th December

The walk there is generally very muddy, so please ensure your son/daughter wears walking boots or wellies. A trainer got stuck in the mud last year...

In PE, the children choreographed and performed a short dance routine. They worked in small groups and performed for the others at the end of the lesson. The children were keen to offer constructive feedback and did so really well.

Maths

We have been learning about perimeter and area this week.

The children had to be careful to remember to write cm^2 and m^2 to show the area of the shapes, but to only use cm or m when showing perimeter. The children have also been practising their mental maths. As we are converting between measures next week, it is important they know how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 confidently and accurately.