

Key Stage One Summer Term Report

Year One

This term Year One have been busy finding out about Buildings. We started off our Buildings topic with a walk around the local area. The children enjoyed being buildings detectives, spotting lots of different buildings as we walked. They are still showing off their new found knowledge about different types of houses. They seem to love the words detached and semi-detached!

We have also been using Google Maps to find the children's homes. They were amazed that we knew where they lived and how we get an image of their home so easily. We used the photographs to inspire some Art work which the children are very proud of. They sketched and painted a picture of their homes using textured paint for the final draft. The children embraced the challenge of having more than one go and worked hard to improve their initial drafts. They are really showing they have Mersey park mindsets!



The children have been working hard at home as well as in school, constructing some amazing 3D buildings using recyclable materials. We have enjoyed celebrating the children's efforts and it has provided a fabulous speaking and listening opportunity for them.



During our school Poetry week the children learnt the poem 'The Owl and the Pussy cat'. Some of the words in the poem were new to the children but they became our trophy words for the week. We had great fun with the poem and acted parts of it out and produced some lovely artwork too. The children also took some poems home to learn and recited them to the class.

Year One took part in another Farm to fork trail at Tesco in Heswall. This time they learnt more about healthy eating. They sampled some lovely healthy snacks and made their own breakfast muesli to take home. The children were very adventurous and tried lots of new food including; pumpkin seeds, sweet peppers and a delicious tzatziki dip!



Before half term we celebrated walk to school week. The children enjoyed learning about how to stay safe when they are walking to school. They drew around their hands and made a class 'Stay safe' poster, reminding them to hold hands with an adult on their journey to school. The children loved wearing their favourite shoes for school on Happy shoesday.



This week we are getting our Seaside topic off to a sunny start with our entry point. The children will be dressing for a day at the seaside and taking part in lots of fun activities. They will design and make their own ice cream, choosing flavours, sauce and topping and also whether it will be served in a bowl or on a cone! The children will also be going on a seaside treasure hunt, playing beach volleyball and making their own seaside shaker.



Year Two

The year 2 topic of 'Time Detectives' started with the exciting appearance of a Mystery Box. When we opened the box we found lots of interesting articles related to the history of our school inside. Then we started to generate questions. We thought about how our school might have changed. We invited in a parent who is also an ex Mersey Park pupil, Mrs Markey, and asked her what the school had been like when she was a pupil. We interviewed her and wrote down what she said. We learned that while our school building has change quite a lot and there are some different teachers, it has always been a happy place to learn.



As part of our topic we have been looking at mosaic patterns. We studied mosaic art by other artists and used this as inspiration to create minibeast mosaics to tie in with our science topic of living things.



We have been lucky enough to have a visiting P.E coach coming in from the Total Gymnastics Beth Tweddle Academy to work with the children and teach us new gymnastic skills.



Year 2 have been extremely busy completing their SAT's earlier this term and impressed their teachers with their sensible attitude towards the tests.



To mark the 10th birthday of the computer programme Scratch. We had a go at animating our year group title to make it move. We had to work together to program each letter to move and make a sound when we clicked it. It was tricky but we didn't give up, we showed a Mersey Park mindset.

As part of multi-cultural week we looked at aboriginal art work. We looked at the colours used and the patterns the artists created. Then we sketched our own designs and used cotton buds to print small dots to create the same style of patterns in our pictures.



Year two are thoroughly making the most of their inviting reading corners and are often becoming lost in a book. As a class we have been reading lots of poetry books about minibeast and have even had a go at writing some minibeast poetry of our own.



Year Two are looking forward to a visit to Claremont Farm where we will learn all about about the fruit and vegetables that grow on the farm. We will also have the opportunity to sample some of the fruit and vegetables. The visit to the farm is linked to our current Science topic about Living Things.