

## Key Stage One

### Autumn Term

### Year One

At the beginning of September the children settled into their new classes very quickly and got used to the new routines and the way things are organised in Year One.

The first topic Year One enjoyed was 'Sensational Seasons'.

The children loved exploring our outdoor areas and gathering natural objects to bring back into the classroom. They used leaves to print with and to make rubbings. They finished their 'Sensational Seasons' topic with a wonderful trip to Royden Park where they walked around and learned



all about the changes plants and trees go through during the different seasons while seeing and experiencing it before their very eyes. They also collected a variety of natural materials from the park including leaves, conkers and acorns and once they returned to school they used these materials to make woodland masks.



The children have loved the new Power Maths activities they have been taking part in during maths lessons. They have been using lots of practical resources to show their ideas and have been working hard to explain their reasoning.



Year One have been becoming actors and authors as they have been retelling and adding actions to the story of Dear Zoo during their literacy lessons. They have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the story really well and then writing their own. They have then written their own version of the story including their own characters and some exciting story language.



The children started their new 'Toys' topic with a fabulous toy parade and are enjoying working on creating their own toy collage in the style of Chris Lange.

Other highlights of this term have included designing, making and evaluating fruit kebabs as part of Healthy Eating week.



## Year 2

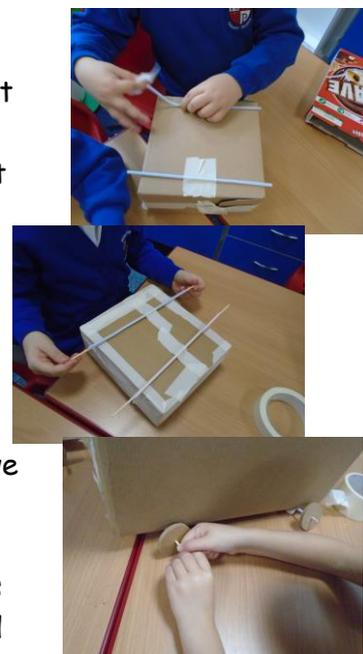
The Year Two children have made a fantastic start to the year and have been working extremely hard from day one.



We started our Transport topic by becoming artists. As our entry point we brought in our favourite toy vehicle from home and talked about why we chose it. Then we looked carefully at the details on it and sketched it. We started by researching possible road vehicles

we could make, this research involved searching on the internet and taking a trip outside to perform a traffic survey.

We made a pic-collage of our ideas on the iPads to show what we had found. After that we drew our designs and made a list of materials we would need. Then we had a DT day to make our vehicles. During the day we got the opportunity to practise lots of skills such as cutting, joining materials in different ways and painting. We really enjoyed making our vehicles.



We have been taking part in some sticky, sloppy but fantastically fun science using the new Science Bug activities. As part of our movement and forces topic we made our own slime and looked at how gravity affected the slime when we held it up high. We used rulers to measure how much it stretched when gravity pulled it down towards the floor.

Our new topic Fire Fire started with an energetic entry point. We learned about the events of the 5th of November and the terrible plan Guy Fawkes had. We thought of actions to show the main events then put this together into a dance sequence.



We became little actors when we learned about the Great Fire of London. We acted out some of the events from the fire and performed freeze frames to show how the people might have acted or felt. We certainly learned a lot about The Great Fire of London during this drama lesson. We then used this knowledge to write a description of how London might have looked after the fire.

