



Class 3 Curriculum Update

February 2023

Values: Trust and Diversity

Out and About.

We are just starting out on our new theme 'Out and About' and the children are getting ready to explore our local area and learn all about the counties that make up the United Kingdom. Soon, we aim to take a walk around Madley village to identify key landmarks in the area, the types of amenities and the types of houses that are in Madley. We will move forward with, looking at the different types of human and physical features there are. We will then research a county of our choice, which we will compare to Herefordshire. We have started looking locally already when mapping out where we were at Forest School.

The children will build on their use of atlases from the Autumn term when learning about Africa and will also start looking at maps and using these to understand direction, symbols and area of places in the UK. We will also explore the changes over time in the localities of interest and look at the reasons for these changes.



Maths

As mathematicians, the children have been deepening their understanding of measurements. They have benefitted from being able to multiply and divide by 10 so that they can convert between mm and cm and cm and metres.

Our next theme in maths will be about money and will be adding and subtracting different amounts. Please spend as much time as you can helping the children to identify the different coins and when possible using cash to pay for items in a shop - maybe challenge them to work out the total of their items and how much change they may receive.

English

As readers, we will be following the adventures of Oliver and the Seawigs. We will focus on the skills of inference and prediction to decide what might happen as the story progresses.

As writers, we will look at developing descriptive writing through a range of Short Bursts and factual writing through leaflets and explanation texts. We will continue to explore vocabulary so that our writing can be interesting and meaningful.

Homework

The children have weekly homework.

Maths - TT Rockstars. The expectation is to play 4 games per day.

Reading - The children should read for a minimum of 15 minutes per day and record this so that it will count towards their 40 reads.

Spelling - Spelling Shed. The expectation is to play 4 games per day.

Finger knitting

The children have really enjoyed the different aspects of art and design over this year, but this month, they have really enjoyed practicing some simple sewing skills and finger knitting. The children were very excited by the patterns they had made and we hope to continue to develop this skill as the year progresses.



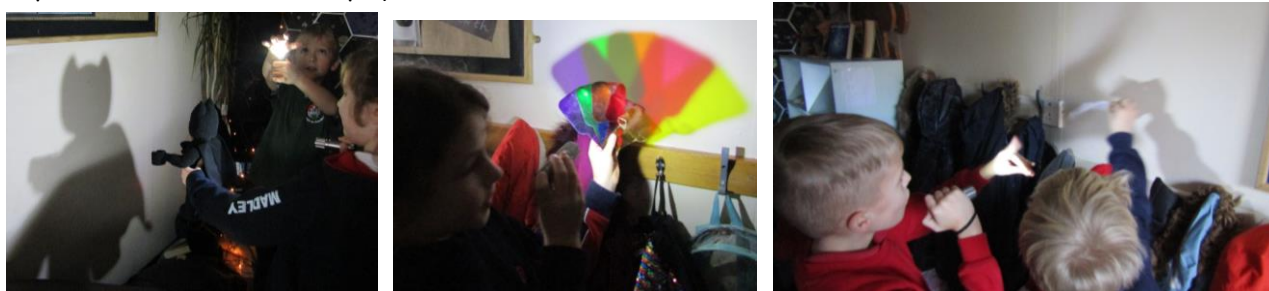
Art

As artists, we have been learning about the technique of pointillism. We used small separate dots of pure colour to form an image of the Eiffel tower. It was a technique where we had to be careful and precise using hundreds of tiny dots of mainly primary colours and white. The eye and mind of the viewer then mixes the colours to make different shades as well as the secondary colours. We have learnt about the artist Georges Seurat who was the first to use this technique.



Science - Light

As a scientist, the children have been exploring light and are really enjoying learning the vocabulary related to investigating and exploring light sources. They have learnt that we need light that is reflected of objects to be able to see them and that light travels in straight lines. They have developed their understanding of how shadows appear and have really enjoyed learning the terms and meaning of transparent, translucent and opaque.



It was lovely to see everyone at parents' evening. Thank you for taking the time to meet with us we always enjoy sharing the great qualities your children have.
Mr Hutton, Mrs Lee and the Year 3 team.