



Wagtails



Ask Me About Newsletter

Spring Term 2

March 2024

What have we been up to?

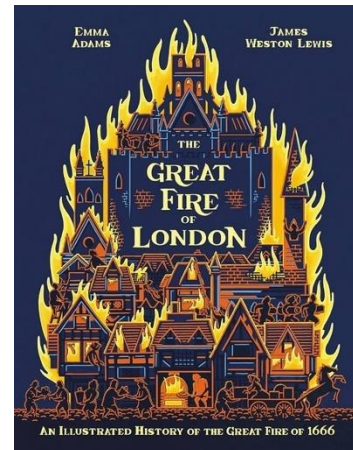
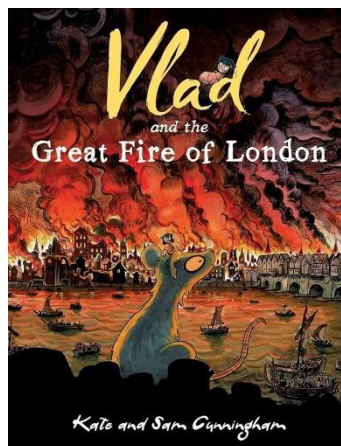
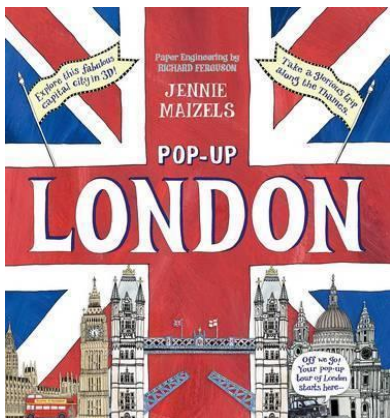
This half-term, we celebrated 100 days in Year 1 - with cake!

English

I am unbelievably proud of how hard our Year 1s have been working on their writing. They are becoming so skilled at using our English working wall to aid them in discovering new vocabulary and ideas for their work. We have been learning about these Year 1 writing skills:

- Understanding poetry and making apt word choices for our own acrostic poems.
- Using time adverbials to write clear instructions.
- To use "what" and "will" to denote a question being asked.
- To use adjectives to describe a place.
- To write a diary entry in the first person.

As we learn each new skill, we have been having a go at applying them in our writing. Key texts linked to our topic of "The Great Fire of London" have inspired all of our writing. Here's what we looked at this half term:



Next half term, our English will be inspired by our new topic "Our Natural World".

Maths

This half-term we began our unit on Place Value within 50, learning how to partition numbers into tens and ones. We also began our "measures" unit, looking first at the language of size (biggest to smallest) and then more closely at comparing lengths and heights (tallest and shortest). We then

moved on to learning how to measure more accurately in centimetres, followed by units on weight and capacity.

Next half term in maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division, fractions, as well as Position and Direction.

History

The children have really loved comparing the London they know, to the London of 1666. This term, we looked closely at the events of The Great Fire of London, learning about what happened on each day the fire continued. Many of them have even used their free-time to create their own representations of the Great Fire through their construction play, and they have loved having their very own "Pudding Lane" Tudor bakery to role-play in.





Next term - Science!

Coming up, we begin to look at the world around us with a close focus on animals.

DT

The children have been exploring food technology. Here are some pictures of our marmalade sandwich making:



Arts Week

Wagtails worked collaboratively to create their own "4 seasons" painting:



Forest School

What a great time they've all had in the Hurst Woodlands this term:





PE

This term we have worked on a unit called "Attack and Defend", which has helped the children to learn all about aiming with a purpose and trying to outthink their defender.

PSHE

This half term our theme has been "Healthy Me" and we have looked at how to make healthy choices about what we eat as well as what it means to be clean and healthy, for instance looking at things like dental health, medicine safety, and road safety.

RE

This half term, we have been learning about the Easter story and its importance to Christians. We have looked at signs of Spring and representations that help us think about and know that Easter is coming.

Other Notices

- An adult will check reading diaries **every Monday**. Books will be changed on a Monday only, but will also be encouraged to go to the library and check out a book on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes. Children will also receive a paper copy of their guided reading book as and when their reading group begins a new story. Please make sure your child has their book pack with them every day, as this may happen on any day of the week. All children with 5 reading entries in their diary for the week before will be moved up the reading challenge in the classroom and receive a raffle ticket for that week. These are entered into an exciting prize drawer at the end of the half term.
- Reading groups - as part of Read, Write, Inc. the children still get daily group reading sessions as well as Speed Sound lessons. The children have had their Spring 2 assessment. If you have any questions about reading or progress, please make a meeting with me directly.

Have a wonderful Easter break and we are looking forward to seeing you all again after.

Miss MacKenzie.