

Year 1 Autumn Term 2022

We've had a brilliant start to Year 1! We've settled into the new routine extremely well and have been doing lots of learning and developing our skills.

In science, we learnt all about animals including humans. We talked about the parts of the human body and how to use our different senses. We also learnt all about different animals' physical features and diets. We did a fantastic job at coming up with 'What am I?' riddles about animals – it's one of our favourite games now!

We also went on a jam-packed day trip to Whipsnade Zoo where we took part in an animal classification workshop! We even got to meet a delightful snake named Sausage too. We spent the rest of the day wandering the zoo, trying to see as many animals as we possibly could. All of the adults were really impressed with the children's amazing behaviour and we can't wait for our next trip together!

In art, we developed our cutting, sticking, selecting and organising skills in our collage unit. We explored creating art with lots of different textures and from many different materials and enjoyed learning about a range of famous artists including Kandinsky, Picasso and Matisse.



In geography, we learnt how the weather changes across the seasons and talked about weather patterns in hot and cold countries. We made our own daily weather calendars and tracked the weather as it changed from summer to autumn. We even made a class bar chart at the end and talked about weather trends.



In history, we've been learning all about toys through time. We've talked about our favourite toys and compared them to our grandparents' favourite toys and discussed how the toys we play with change as we grow older. We were able to explore toys from the past and make our own in a History Off the Page workshop day too. We had a fabulous time!

In English we've been developing our letter formation skills, practising using our sounds accurately to spell and working hard to remember capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in a sentence! We've used a range of interesting texts to inspire and support our writing including *The Bear and the Piano*, *The Pet Potato*, *Cinderella*,

Beegu and *Petra*. In maths, we've been working on a range of skills including ordering and comparing, counting up to 100 and recognising two-digit numbers, as well as addition and subtraction using resources, pictures and part-whole models.

We've had such a busy term and are currently even busier preparing for our nativity play! We can't wait to find out what's next in Year 1.