

## Year 2 Spring 1 Round Up



Hello and welcome to our third class Round Up! Half way through the school year already! This half term, we have been focusing on Stories by the same author and we have explored Simon Bartram's 'Man on the Moon' books. The children have really enjoyed researching the main character Bob and writing their own adventure for Bob and a baby alien. The children have collected information about space and astronauts and used this to write their own non-chronological reports.

In Maths, we have looked at Money; making amounts and recognising coins and notes. The children have enjoyed shopping in class and calculating totals and amounts of change. We have also begun our topic on Multiplication and Division which will continue after the half term break.

We have been covering different ways of travelling, rolling and balancing in our Gymnastics (PE), and the children have shown excellent skills, as well as great resilience and determination, when rehearsing and performing their gymnastic sequences.



Our RE topic this half term has focused on Jesus, a friend to all. We have explored how Jesus welcomes everyone as a friend and the ways in which he helped those he met. Stories covered include the Ten Lepers, Blind Bartimaeus and the Paralysed Man. We have also explored the qualities of a good friend in our PSHE activities and noted ways in which we can be good friends to others, following Jesus' example.

In our Computing work, we have continued to explore Online Safety skills and in our curriculum lessons we are looking at how computers are used to present collected data. We will be continuing work on this after the break.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their DT lessons this half term learning how to cut, grate and peel managing to keep all ten of their fingers in tact... just about any way! We have been really impressed with their knowledge and understanding of how to keep safe when doing this and the best part of working with food, they get to eat it afterwards!

In Geography, we have been looking at the similarities and differences between hot and cold countries, where these are located and what animals we would find living in these countries. Looking specifically at what you would need to survive in these climates and also what animals need to do to survive too.

Finally, in PSHE we have been learning about friendship and bullying concentrating on what makes a good friend, what their values are and why we choose to be friends with certain people. On the bullying side, we have been learning about what bullying is, noticing the signs and most importantly knowing what you can do to help if you know someone, or indeed if they are getting bullied. Again, this has been a great learning curve for the children and they have all been very respectful listening to one another and have enjoyed engaging in lots of role-plays throughout this topic.

## **Certificates this Week**

Curriculum Award Certificate – Ryli for fantastic maths work this week
Christian Value Certificate – Elsie for being a kind and just friend
Star Writer Award – Alice for improved spelling and increased stamina when writing

## **Diary Dates**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – INSET day Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February - School reopens @ 8.45am

**NB:** Our learning begins @ 8.45am so please be on time every day.

Have a happy and restful half term and we look forward to carrying on our learning after the break. Best Wishes, Mrs Ramsay and Mrs Townsend

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