

# Year 1

## Spring 2 Round Up

It was lovely to see most of you at Parents' Evening and to be able to share the progress your children are making.

This Half Term in English we have been adapting Little Red Riding Hood to make our own stories. We have also looked at recounts and the children wrote a fantastic recount of our trip to Avenham and Miller Park. The children have shown great improvement in their sentence writing and are experimenting with ending sentences in full stops, exclamation marks and question marks.

In Maths, we are now looking at numbers to 50. We have estimated where numbers might be on a number line and can partition numbers to 50 into 10s and 1s.

We have also started a new Maths Mastery Programme and spend 10 minutes every day improving our number skills, often with the use of a Rekenrek.



In RE this half term, we have been learning about the signs of spring, new life and the similarities this brings to The Easter Story. We have had some really interesting class discussions and the children have shared their feelings and opinions well in class. We have looked at the life cycle of a butterfly in particular and how the butterfly's life cycle symbolises the life of Christ: The caterpillar stands for Christ's life on earth. The cocoon stage portrays Christ's death at the cross and his burial. The third stage and most important phase is the rebirth after three days.

In Art, we have been looking at two artists; Thompson Dagnall and Andy Goldsworthy and their work on creating sculptures. Lots of you visited some of Dagnall's work locally and others went as far as Beacon Fell, thank you for supporting your children's learning by doing this. The children have been so creative and have each had a go at using air dry clay to create their own sculpture using ideas from Dagnall and Goldsworthy's work.

In Music we have been Swinging-a-long with Shostakovich. Children have been able to clap to the beat of a variety of Shostakovich's pieces of music, developing into moving to the beat. This has been a really enjoyable topic and the children have got some amazing dance moves – I think I have learnt a thing or two from them!



Finally, in History we have been learning about Preston Parks and how they have changed and developed over time. We had a very wet and windy afternoon out to look around Avenham and Miller Park. The rain did not stop us from having fun and looking at all of the landmarks we have been studying in class. We even managed to get a spot of singing in the rain done too as we walked back to the bus!

