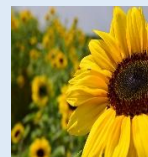




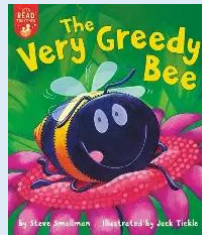
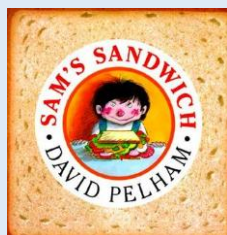
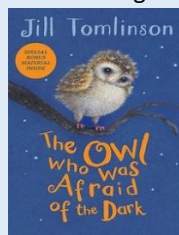
Year 2 Summer 2 Round Up



Hello and welcome to our final class Round Up of the school year! Where has the time gone?

This term, we have focused on “The Owl who was afraid of the Dark” by Jill Tomlinson, “Sam’s Sandwich” by David Pelham and “The Greedy Bee” by Steve Smallman. The children enjoyed hearing about the different adventures of Plop and finding out facts about Barn Owls. They thought Sam’s sandwich for his greedy sister was disgusting and enjoyed making their own sandwiches and writing instructions.

This past week we have made bee and character puppets and written character descriptions and explored how the greedy bee changed from being selfish to a caring friend.



In Maths, we have completed our learning on position and direction, statistics, fractions and time. The children have written directions for moving around simple grids. We have collected data and recorded it using tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams, and asked and answered questions using this data.

In our PE lessons, we have focused on throwing and catching games and athletics skills. The children have all worked hard to develop their skills and it was wonderful to see so many of them engaging with their sports activities, and participating with enthusiasm at our annual Sports Day earlier this term. It has been wonderful to see so many children attending our extra-curricular sports clubs as well this year. A big Thank You to all of you who were able to support the children on Sports Day.

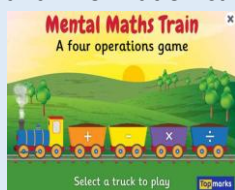
Our RE topics this term has focused on Ascension and Pentecost and the Church. We had a super visit to St Christopher’s church as part of our learning and we spent a lovely morning with Rev. Joe learning all about the ‘church’ and exploring the features in a church building. We learned about the uses of different objects in the church building and that the ‘church’ is the group of people gathered together.

In our Computing work, we have been using the **Espresso Coding** platform to create our own sequences of commands and algorithms. Scratch Jr is a similar app can be downloaded for free and is an excellent app for your child to use to further develop their coding skills, if you have an iPad or tablet at home.



The children have continued to use the many learning games available on **Top Marks Maths** to support their learning in different maths topics and practise their calculation skills. Please encourage your child to access and use these free educational games during the summer break, if possible, to strengthen their skills with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will help prepare them for their studies in Year 3.

Further websites and information can be found on our school website.



We have focused on puppets in our DT lessons and sculpture in our Art lessons this term. The children designed and made their own puppets and jackets/tops and it was fantastic to see so many of you attending our Showcase and assisting your children to create their designs. We hope you all enjoyed the experience.

In our Art lessons we have explored the animations of Nick Park and the animated character Morph. The children explored playdough, salt dough, plasticine and clay. They created their own characters using clay and decorated them once dry. We had great fun watching Morph's antics and creating our own animation storyboards for our sculptures.



This term we have been looking at the seaside and our school and local area in our History and Geography. We had a wonderful visit to Blackpool Tower and the Circus! The children had a wonderful time and were very brave going up the Tower and taking in the amazing views from the top!



In Science, we have been focussing on significant scientists and found out about their amazing discoveries...

- Isaac Newton and the discovery of gravity!
- Marie Curie and her experiments with radiation and x-rays.
- Neil Armstrong and his Moon landing
- Mary Anning – the first female fossil hunter and her discovery of the ichthyosaur, the first plesiosaur and the first British pterosaur!!!



Wow! What amazing individuals! The children have been inspired by their different discoveries and maybe one day we will see another amazing science discovery!

Important Information for September...

Having trialled the proposed guidance on changing for PE lessons, and giving significant consideration to the specific needs of our children, and the lack of space available in school, we have decided to revert to coming to school in full PE kit on a given PE day each week. Your child's new class teacher will inform you in September of the PE day for your child's class and when they should wear their PE kit.

Please look carefully at our Uniform policy before purchasing any new PE kit and uniform and please ensure it supports our school approach.

Water bottles – These should be standard size water bottles only. Preferably transparent clear or coloured plastic and filled only with WATER. See examples below.



NO travel cups, STANLEYS, large oversized bottles or novelty water carriers please. These are too big and we do not have space in class to accommodate and store them.

Rucksacks – **NO** rucksacks in school from September. Your child should bring in a coat and their reading book/folder which will be issued in September. The cloakroom areas are being re-organised during the summer holidays and each child will have access to a peg for their coat only.

Finally,

It has been a pleasure to work with all of your amazing children this year. We wish you and your families all the best for the coming year ahead.

Thank you for all the wonderful support you have given to both your children and us as a staff.

Have a joy-filled, happy and relaxing summer break!

Best Wishes,

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