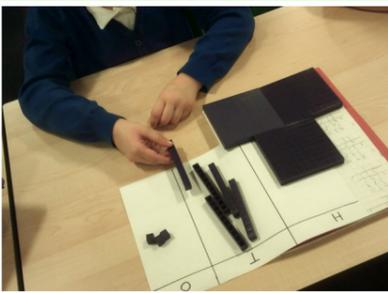


Autumn Term in Year 3

Maths

Year 3 started the Autumn term by working hard on our place value understanding. We've used lots of practical resources to consolidate this knowledge, which we have now applied to our addition and subtraction topic. We've enjoyed learning to master the column methods!



English

We've loved getting back into writing this Autumn term. We've had lots of opportunities to write creatively. Most recently, we've been studying fables such as 'The Sun and the Wind', 'The Greedy Dog' and 'The Fox and the Raven.' We've retold fables, adapted them using our story map and have also written our own, concentrating on punctuating speech.



World Mental Health Day

Year 3 showed our support for World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow. We had lots of fun decorating yellow bow ties with our strategies to support and improve our mental health, and had lots of valuable discussions throughout the day.



PSHE

Our PSHE this term has focused on our mental health and wellbeing. We've discussed ways to improve our physical and mental health, including exercising regularly, eating a healthy diet and talking about our feelings. We used the lovely book 'The Colour Monster' to identify different feelings and to help manage our emotions. We've identified our strengths and interests, and have come up with some strategies to help us when things become challenging.



Author Visit

We were lucky enough to have a virtual author visit from Steve Skidmore! He read one of his books and ended up covered in custard! We really enjoyed the opportunity to ask him questions about what it is like to be an author.



Science

This term we've been learning all about light.. We've learnt that light travels in a straight line, and we can explain the differences between opaque, translucent and transparent objects.

As part of our learning, we investigated what happens to an image when we look at it in a mirror. We had lots of fun trying to walk along a line whilst only looking at our reflections! We've also carried out lots of practical investigations, including investigating which material would be the best to make curtains for a baby's bedroom, and which material is the best reflector.

Art

This term our art topic has linked to our Stone Age work in history. We explored cave painting techniques, and enjoyed experimenting to create our own pieces of Stone Age inspired art. We used lots of different media, including oil pastels and paint, and even created our own paint using turmeric, paprika and nutmeg!



History

This term we have been studying the Stone Age. We've answered the big question "What was new about the New Stone Age?", by looking at key features of the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic eras. We were even lucky enough to have a Stone Age box loaned to us from Preston Park museum which contained lots of exciting Stone Age artefacts, including flints, an arrow and even a Stone Age sewing kit!

Classroom Worship

We've loved joining in with the i-Sing Pop classroom worship this term. We've learnt about resilience, and discussed what we can learn from Bible stories. We've also enjoyed showing off our best dance moves to the i-Sing Pop songs!



Computing

This term we have been learning to code using Scratch. We have created programs, and are able to debug our algorithms to improve our programs. We've created a Rock Band with several musical instruments and made a rocket fly to Earth!



R.E.

This term we have studied Creation and Incarnation. We've thought about what Christians and others can learn from the Creation story, and we enjoyed collecting the parts of

Creation that we thought were wonderful. More recently, we've been studying the concept of the Trinity and how the persons of the Trinity are represented in the Bible.



P.E.

We've participated in lots of sporting activities in Autumn term, including rounders, tag rugby, fitness training and gymnastics.. We've also competed in virtual inter-school competitions in cross country, basketball and athletics. Mrs Wrangham from the Darlington School Sports Partnership came into school to deliver our Sportshall Athletics competition which we all really enjoyed!



Music

We've been working hard on our ukulele skills this term, and have really enjoyed learning to play familiar tunes such as 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' as a class.