

During this half term Year 2 have continued to work very hard by building up their independence and knowledge even further. They have learnt lots of new skills which they have been able to apply in many different ways.

English

Since the children have enjoyed learning about the Queen so much they chose to focus on a royal text this half term. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the story 'The King who Banned the Dark' because they liked that the King made sure that it was light at all times. However, the more they read they realised that banning the darkness was not the best thing to do. So the children wrote a newspaper article pointing out all of the reasons why the dark should not be banned.

The children have learnt lots of new skills in English which they have used in their independent writing lessons too. They have learnt how to make a list using commas, how to use an apostrophe to show possession, how to use apostrophes when writing contractions and how to write in present tense.

Recently, the children moved onto learning all about shape poems by looking at lots of different examples. They could not believe all of the different shapes that can be created when writing a shape poem. In order to write our own shape poem about Buckingham Palace everyone investigated inside and outside of the palace so they could establish their own descriptive vocabulary. The children then used these words to write their own poem shaped like Buckingham Palace.

Maths

The children started this half term by learning about fractions in maths. Here they learnt all about halving and quartering shapes, objects and numbers. The children used lots of practical equipment when learning about fractions so they were able to see just how shapes and objects could be halved and quartered.

Then the children moved onto measuring height and length in centimetres and metres. They made sure that they used the correct vocabulary when measuring as the children realised that a ruler and a metre stick could be used to measure different sized objects. Everyone especially enjoyed measuring using a metre stick because they were able to measure very long or tall objects.

History

Learning about the Queen during this half term has been the children's favourite history topic. The children have learnt about the British Empire, the Queen's coronation in 1953, what jobs she does, why she is so important and different events which have happened since she has been on the throne.

When learning about the Queen's coronation the children were amazed at all of the Queen's important objects because they realised that they all have a very special meaning. They also liked investigating where she keeps her crown jewels now. To show off all of the information that the children had learnt about the Queen they wrote a non-chronological report. Mrs Brook, Mrs Brooks and I were very impressed with all of their historical knowledge and vocabulary.