

The Year 2 children have settled, and adapted well, into their new routines with their new teachers this half term.

English

This half term, the children have continued to write different types of writing. They were able to write some interesting shape poems which allowed them to write in a different style from last half term.

After that, we used the lovely book *The Bog Baby* as our writing stimulus. The story is about two friends who find a strange creature in a bog, and decided to take it home, until it becomes ill and they must return it to its natural habitat. Firstly, the children wrote a short setting description using the five senses to help build a mental picture for the reader.

Next, the children created their own "creatures" and used expanded noun phrases to describe them. There were many weird and wonderful monsters created! They then wrote a three part story, innovated from *The Bog Baby*, using their own creature as the main character.

Finally, we are revisiting basic punctuation and sentence structure so that our writing can continue to progress further.

Maths

Money has been a major topic in maths and the children have learned about sterling notation and answering a variety of fluency and reasoning problems.

Next, we revisited place value, counting forwards and backwards in different steps, comparing numbers and writing numbers in numerals and words, as these are integral parts of mathematical understanding, allowing us to continue on to our next level of learning.

After that, we looked at comparing and measuring mass using grams and kilograms. The children really enjoyed the practical activities which allowed them to make sensible predictions and feel how heavy grams and kilograms are.

Finally, we then moved onto telling time on an analogue clock and simple statistics. Next half term we will be looking at the 4 operations in more detail.



Computing

This half term we have been learning all about algorithms! We have been using the Beebots to program our own algorithms and debugging when we found any issues. Some of our work has been shared on Google Classroom if you would like to log-in and have a look.

Science

In Science we have been learning all about living creatures and what they need to stay alive. We looked at different habitats and what they provide to the animals that live in them. After that we took a closer look at a few animals and investigated how they were adapted to their environments. We were surprised to learn that a camel hump is not full of water!