Year 2 updates 19/2/24 – 29/2/24

Well, what a busy and fun fortnight we have had after the half term break. Thank you so much for those that posted photographs of you enjoying the shape hunt with your children over the half term break - they had animated discussions about this during their first week back.

We started off the term by recapping Pancake Day. The children talked about what fillings they had on their pancakes at home, as well as designing and creating their own pancake toppings on a paper template in nursery. We also read and acted out the story; ‘The big pancake’ which was great fun.

The ‘People who help us’ topic started and we learnt all about firefighters for the first week. We were very fortunate that Avon and Somerset Fire Brigade loaned us their firefighters resource box. The children had a great time, trying on the costumes, using the big floor puzzles and there was even a large fire engine tent that the children played inside. We made them a lovely card to thank them for letting us use the box and resources.

The children also learnt about ‘what fire needs’, using an experiment from our Montessori curriculum. We used the opportunity to talk about how we can stay safe near fire too.

We moved onto learning about the NHS – starting the week with dentists and ending the week with medical professionals. The children learnt about which foods helped to keep teeth healthy and which food and drink items we can only eat sometimes, to keep our teeth healthy. We also had fun practising brushing our teeth in small groups in the bathroom.

The children created a mini doctors surgery using the role play resources. They also made their own doctors bag. They may like to make their own doctors surgery at home too.

We finished the fortnight looking at ‘St David’s Day’. We looked at where Wales is on the British Isle map and talked about why we celebrate St David’s Day. We set up a Daffodil observation table, along with our Montessori flower puzzle. The children looked at each part of the plant and named each section too. We observed the flower and coloured in a picture to take home. We are having a delicious traditional Welsh meal for lunch today, which we are really looking forward too.