



All Stars 1

Autumn 2023/24



INTRODUCTION:

The children have settled really well into the Autumn term, especially our three new starters. We have some great friendships growing between peers and strong relationships forming between adults and children in class. The children have really enjoyed lesson time learning and our weekly forest sessions with Mr Henderson. Here is a small incite into what we have been up to in All Stars 1.



ENGLISH:

We began the term by looking at folktales and legends, comparing the differences between those and fairy tales, as well as re-writing the legends we were told, in our own words. The children loved listening to Mrs Merry tell the stories and created some interesting pieces of work re-writing what they had heard. We then moved on to learn about the difference between biographies and autobiographies. The children completed some great English work writing biographies based on Roald Dahl and David Attenborough. Due to October being black history month, we tailored this into our work and created biographies on Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and Oprah Winfrey. For the final part of term, the children have been learning about poetry, creating black out poems about friendship and writing their own Halloween poetry. We have also taken trips to the local Library to further develop our learning on these three topics.



MATHS

In Maths this term the children have worked exceptionally hard and covered many topics. We started the term looking at place value and subtractions, using mental mathematics, exchanging or rods and dots. We have seen a great improvement in the children's abilities and confidence, many starting using the rods and dots with adult support and now exchanging independently. Following on from this, the children learnt all about 2D Shapes and measurement. We included many practical tasks into our learning to keep the children engaged, such as recognising shapes around our school and measuring our playground. We finished the term looking at bar charts and probability. The children engage well in their maths lessons and are always eager to learn.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

The children have really enjoyed their outdoor learning and forest sessions this term. Mr Henderson has brilliantly incorporated elements of our lessons into the sessions to further the children's learning. For the first part of the term the children created animals using plasticine and elements from the forest floor, which tied in with our art sessions. We then continued our learning of folktales by listening to some around the camp fire and acting out what they had heard. For the final part of the term, we incorporated our science sessions into forest by burning different materials onto the campfire to see how their forms change. For a reward in the final week, the children were given marshmallows and hot chocolate on a fire they created themselves from the skills they have learnt watching Mr Henderson.



GEOGRAPHY:

Our topic for Geography this term has been 'home sweet home'. We have been looking at the continents and oceans of planet earth as well as areas closer to us such as our school and our homes. We have also discussed the difference between human and physical geographical features of our school. The children have created some fantastic pieces of work during the term and have enjoyed learning all about our world.



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

The children have been further developing their vocabulary this term. As well as doing our English and Phonics sessions, we have been doing 15-minute Spanish lessons on a daily basis. The children have engaged well with this and already have a fantastic understanding of the Spanish numbers and colours.

