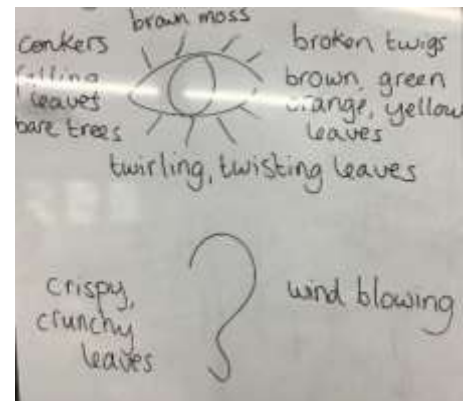
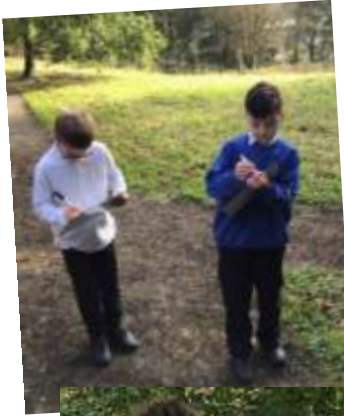


Chiefs Autumn Term

The children in Chiefs have had a great start to the new school year. We have been working hard on building positive relationships within the team and learning strategies that help to promote a calm learning environment.

English

In English we have been learning about Traditional Tales with a twist, our work focussed around the traditional version of Jack and the Beanstalk which we then compared to Jack and the Jelly beanstalk and The Incredibly Mean Stalk. We compared characters and settings and explored descriptive language. The children then wrote their own traditional tale with a twist. We then moved on to identifying poems on a theme, we read around a range of Autumn poems looking at the use of rhyme and descriptive language. We headed outdoors for some inspiration for our own poetry writing.



Maths

In maths we have covered a range of units including place value and mental addition and subtraction. This has involved the children building upon stages within calculations and learning new methods and strategies. The children are always provided with a wide range of resources to help support their thinking. Following on from number and place value, we have looked at Shape, Space and Measures. We have been recognising properties within 2d and 3d shape and taking much of our learning outdoor.



Science

Within Science we have focussed on different types of materials and their uses. We have been handling a range of material and developing our scientific vocabulary including: transparent, opaque, translucent, flexible, rigid, reflective, non-reflective and absorbent. We have tested different materials to see whether their shape can be changed through; squashing, twisting, bending and stretching.



Geography

Our topic this half term has focussed around 'Home Sweet Home', this has allowed pupils to focus on a small region within the UK. We have looked at Rawtenstall and other towns within close proximity and how these compare to areas around the Lake District. We have been exploring the human and physical features of both regions using small scale and large-scale maps. A group of children headed out within the local area to explore what the town has to offer.



Art & Design

The children have really engaged with our unit this half term and enjoyed the pieces of work they have completed. We have focussed on silhouettes and famous UK artists who undertake this style of art including a street artist Charles Bruns and a children's illustrator Dr Seuss.

The children have been building upon their drawing skills to complete their own silhouettes.



Forest School

As always the majority of our children participate extremely well in Forest school activities. Being the first half term, the children have continued to learn around rules and boundaries within the outdoor area. They have modelled activities which they enjoy. They have joined in with tree climbing, river exploring, printing, and built up their skills using tools.

