

Avon Class

Class Welcome

Avon's year has started well. We have welcomed back old friends and introduced new ones from our school and other schools. Our new friends have settled in well and have been welcomed by the class. It has been lovely to see their friendships develop with peers within Avon and from other classes to.

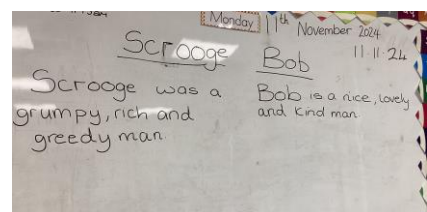
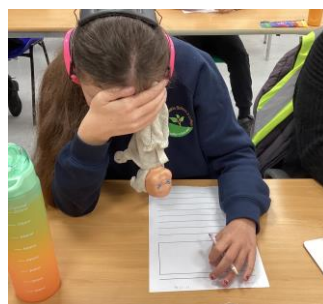
As part of our ASDAN learning we have been developing our friendships and social skills in class by working, interacting and playing games together as well as developing our understanding of how people in our communities can help us.



Literacy and Communication

During our Literacy and Communication sessions we have focused on our reading and speaking and listening as well as enjoying our weekly music assembly. We have been reading words and books appropriate to us as individuals as well as developing turn taking, speaking and listening skills by identifying and discussing what is happening in the world via watching Newsround.

This half term we have begun to look at A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. Already the class are engaging well with the topic and enjoying thinking of great descriptive words for Scrooge (such as mean, grumpy and miserable) and Bob (kind, happy and lovely). We started by drawing our own pictures of these two characters and worked together to make strong sentences about each of them.



Maths

In our Maths lessons we have been focusing on properties of number, shape and time.

In our shape learning identified 2D shapes and their properties. Our properties of number learning included counting and writing numbers to twenty as numerals, understanding the terminology of more than, less than and the same as well as sorting objects and numbers into groups. Finally, our time learning has focused on sequencing daily activities to when they should be completed, days of the week and months of the year, telling the time to o'clock and half past and measuring time in seconds and minutes. All this learning is important as it will give us practical skills such as telling the time that will benefit many areas of our daily routines.



Science

In Science our topic has been Properties of Materials and Temperature. We started our learning by naming materials, objects that could be made from these materials and the properties different materials have such as being hard, soft, transparent and opaque. We then completed work around materials and whether they are natural, or human made. More recently we have been completing a series of experiments using different objects and materials to test if they could change shape, whether they were waterproof or not, how to use a thermometer and test the change of temperature of hot water over time, melting and what materials causes ice to melt quicker, what materials dissolve in water and finally testing the strength of paper. This learning has enabled the pupils to learn about different materials and their properties and understand different terminology used in science.



Topic

In PE we have learnt about different throwing, catching, passing, shooting and dribbling techniques in Basketball as well as the fundamental shapes, rotations and apparatus work in Gymnastics. This learning has allowed us to practice different sports that can help to keep our bodies fit and healthy. During RE our learning has focused on Judaism and Christianity which has given our pupils an understanding of the different symbols, buildings, stories and important people in these faiths. This learning will help our pupils have a better understanding of a range of faiths that are followed around the world and allow our pupils to be more tolerant of other people's views and opinions. ICT has focused on the importance of online safety and how to use the fundamental components of a computer such as the mouse and keyboard. This learning has given our pupils the understanding of what to do if they feel unsafe or scared when using the internet as well as how to use the basic functions of a computer that will help in everyday life and employment. We have been learning about road safety in ASDAN and have been practicing how to cross the road safely when we are not at a crossing. Misty the Therapy Dog has also been visiting and we have been able to stroke and read to her. In Humanities we are looking at the power of earth this half term, starting with tornadoes and hurricanes and discussing how we'd feel in the situation of being in the centre of one and the difference between them. In food tech we have been discussing and preparing our own simple meals. So far, the favourite has been tortilla pizza! Finally, during our wellbeing sessions we have been taking part in activities that support our physical, mental and social wellbeing such as foot spa's and taking part in activities that we enjoy.



Notable News

Well done to Malakia who was voted in as Avon's school council representative.



The pupils had a fantastic day at the Presidents Charity Christmas Party and represented the school fantastically. Well done Avon class!!!



Upcoming Events

Children return to school for the Spring Term on 7th January 2025.

Have a lovely Christmas break, stay safe and have fun! Craig, Kelly, Debbie, Rachel, Jo and Sara.

Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET Day (No pupils on site)

Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Pupils return to school

Wednesday 29th January 2025 – Rocksteady Music Workshops for pupils

Friday 7th February – NSPCC Number Day (more information to follow)

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 24th February 2025 – Pupils return to school

Thursday 6th March 2025 – World Book Day (more information to follow)

Friday 15th March 2025 – Red Nose Day (more information to follow)

Friday 4th April 2025 – Early finish for pupils

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April 2025 – EASTER HOLIDAY

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – Pupils return to school