

Creative Arts News



Spring Term At Sitwell Infant School



In the Classroom!

We were busy in the Spring Term!

In Art each year group explored drawing!

F2 pupils were learning about mark making, exploring a variety of media including chalks and crayons which they used to create rubbings of natural objects. They used pencils to create observational drawings and self-portraits.

Year 1 pupils were learning how to create different types of lines and use techniques such as cross-hatching to represent different textures. They applied these techniques to produce observation drawings of objects.

Year 2 pupils explored using charcoal and were further developing their mark making techniques, such as stippling, to represent different textures. They went on to develop their understanding of how to apply expressions to illustrate their own cartoon characters.

In Design and Technology each year group learned about Structures!

F2 pupils explored simple joining techniques to make their own junk box models.

Year 1 pupils were learning how to create stable structures and produced their own model windmills.

Year 2 pupils explored stability and methods to strengthen structures, to understand Baby Bear's chair weaknesses and develop an improved solution for him to use.

In Music:

KS1 pupils loved finding out about music technology, using the apps *Launchpad* and *Blocswave* on iPads to explore combining and layering sounds to create a mix. They went on to learn how to use stick and dot notation to compose and record simple rhythmic and pitch patterns.

F2 pupils explored percussion instruments and appraising music from different countries.

Spotlight on After-School Clubs!

We offer a wide variety of creative-themed after school clubs which include Painting, Choir, Printing, Photography, Cheerleaders and many more! Clubs like these are a great way for pupils to express themselves and consolidate their learning following class sessions, or offer an opportunity to try out a different activity where they can develop new skills and discover hidden talents! Our Arts Ambassadors have been collecting the views of their classmates to find out what they like about clubs and how they think they have improved their creative knowledge and skills! Here is what some of them had to say:

'I've been to **Circus Skills** - it was good because I learnt how to juggle!'

'I went to **Keyboard Players** and I liked playing the piano!'

'I enjoyed **Art club** because I made some clay baubles and I got to take them home!'

'I've improved at **Painting club** because I know to use a thin brush for the feathers when I'm painting an owl!'

'I've improved in **Sewing** - I can do cross stitch now!'

We are always keen to improve our after school provision and asked the children for their ideas on how we could do this. Some of their suggestions were to include a Card Making club, a Box Modelling club, an Origami club, a Fashion Design club, a DJ club and also a nature based club learning how to build a wormery!

Watch this space!

What's been going on?

In the Spring term we were very lucky to be visited by the author and illustrator Liz Million and the poet Paul Cookson who shared lots of their work with us! Following their introduction during a whole school assembly, each class was able to enjoy a workshop with the pair, having the opportunity to write poems and take part in draw-a-longs. Children in FS2 were very busy learning how to draw an owl character – based on our Sitwell Superheroes – with Liz giving lots of useful step by step instructions and tips! They then shared their ideas with Paul to compose a poem about the owl and had lots of fun thinking of different actions to help retell and perform it! Children in KS1 also spent time with Liz and Paul, each class choosing their own animal character to work on, such as snakes, squirrels and even hippos standing on their heads! Working with experts in this way is a great source of inspiration for our children, and helps to make them aware of future career opportunities! Brilliant!

