

KSI Autumn Term 2022

Round-Up

We have enjoyed a very busy first term in Year 1/2 this year. It has been lovely to see the children settling into their classes, making new friends and already achieving so well. Here is a round-up of some of our learning and experiences this term.

Exciting Writing

The children enjoyed listening to and performing a variety of traditional tales before writing their own stories based on The Three Little Pigs in the first half-term. Our visits from the Theatre of Widdershins really brought this learning to life and it was fantastic to be able to give children such an exciting live theatre experience in school.



More recently, we have designed and built our own impressively inventive 'Cracking Contraptions' to support explanation writing.

Thank you for your support in providing these curriculum

enrichment experiences for the children.

Bottisham in the Past and Present

This term, we have learnt about both the geography and history of the local area. The children developed their map and fieldwork skills in the first half-term, completing a village walk (and a very enthusiastic traffic survey!) in October.



We have spent this half-term learning more about the history of the village including interviews with local residents; our very own Mrs Westbrook's family has lived in the village for hundreds of years!

Enjoying Nature

We are fortunate to have once again had the opportunity for each class to participate in a block of weekly Forest School sessions this year, with the children building upon the experiences and skills developed in their sessions last

year. We would like to thank both our Forest School teacher, Louise for her expertise and our parent volunteers for their support in running these popular sessions in all weathers.

In art, the children continued to develop their appreciation of nature when learning about the sculptural work of environmental artist, Andy Goldsworthy, to create their own art using natural resources.



We are excited to have planted a small community orchard of six plum, pear, apple and cherry trees on the school grounds at the start of December with support from the Tree Council. Thanks to our KS1 Eco-Councillors: William and Oscar B (Pine), Henri (Hazel) and Teri (Beech) for their help with this project. We thankfully finished



planting the trees the day before the frost and snow arrived!



School Council

This year's KS1 school councillors are Kelsi (Beech), Darragh (Pine)

and Cecilia (Hazel). This term, they have helped lead a whole-school assembly for Anti-Bullying Week as well as having run the school shop and spoken with representatives from Anglian Learning about safety and wellbeing at BPS. They are working with Mrs Childs to raise money for new outdoor equipment for break and lunch this year.



Performances

The experience of public speaking and performing is a hugely valuable part of school-life, so it has been exciting to perform our Nativity production to a live audience for the first time since 2019! We were so proud of the children, who have had very little experience of performing live, for their confidence and enthusiasm. Furthermore, Year 2 children have worked hard with Mrs Palmer to lead a whole school assembly about Christmas Jumper Day this term and our KS1 flute and recorder players performed beautifully at the church carol concert on 13th December. Each KS1 class will be performing a class assembly in the spring or summer term – dates to follow!

Thank you for your support this term. We wish you all a very happy and restful festive break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Thursday 5th January.

The KS1 Team