



Autumn 2 2023

Our theme this half term has been 'Peace and Conflict.' Throughout school, we have explored what our theme means and have enjoyed learning about different topics that link to the theme. We have also learnt some new vocabulary.

Nursery and Reception

This half term, the children's topic has been 'Let's Celebrate.' The children have continued learning all about the season of autumn, its weather, night and day, light and dark and local animals. There are lots of different celebrations at this time of year, and the children have had the opportunity to learn lots of new facts about Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Day and Christmas. The nursery children also decided that they wanted to learn all about how we celebrate birthdays. What a busy half term they have had!



Year 1 and 2

In year 1 and 2, the children have been learning about significant individuals. They have been answering their topic question 'What makes a person a significant individual?' and have been learning about why Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole are significant people. When learning about Florence Nightingale, the children learnt about the changes that she made to hospitals, many of which are still relevant today. They learnt about how Mary Seacole set up the British Hotel and helped injured soldiers who were fighting in wars. Finally, the children reflected on the similarities and differences between Florence and Mary and consolidated their understanding of what makes someone significant.



Year 3 and 4

In year 3 and 4, the children have been learning all about the Romans in their topic 'Why do we remember the Romans?' The children enjoyed getting into role and becoming Celts living in Britain, considering how they would react when the Romans invaded. They have discovered lots of things that still exist today, such as public baths, different types of foods and even the concept of toilets, which were originally brought to Britain when the Romans came. A highlight from the topic has been learning about Roman homes and decorations, particularly Roman mosaics. Inspired by their learning, the children then enjoyed designing and creating a Christmas themed mosaic.



Year 5 and 6

The topic question for year 5 and 6 this half term has been 'Who were the Mayans?' They were really excited to start the topic off by making Mayan hot chocolate - did you know they used chillies to add spice and flavour to it? The children then learnt where the Mayan's lived in Mesoamerica and which countries are there now. Following this, they researched what life was like for the Mayan people, looking specifically at sports, farming, homes, beliefs and religion. Another highlight from the topic was learning about the influence the Mayan civilization had on the world we live in today: their calendar, numbers and writing system are just a few of their significant legacies.

