

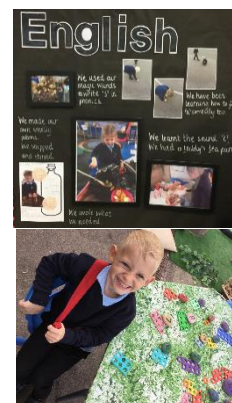


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Our theme this half term has been 'Identity and Diversity.' Throughout school, we have explored what our theme means and have enjoyed learning about different topics that link to the theme. We have also learnt some new vocabulary.

Nursery and Reception

This half term, the children's topic has been Marvellous Me! The children have been settling in, learning new routines and getting to know the provision. They have been talking about themselves and noticing how they look and have created pictures and paintings. The children have been making new friends and getting to know each other by discussing favourite things and familiar interests. They have been learning about different families and the people they live with, discussing the things that they do with their families. The children have also looked at photos from home, showing their friends who they live with. Finally, the children have shared lots of stories and rhymes over the half term!



Year 1 and 2

The children in year 1 and 2 have been improving their geography skills this half term. They have explored aerial photographs of Heanor, created their own sketch maps and have learnt about keys and symbols. The children have learnt lots about the local area and have improved their knowledge of the human and physical features of Heanor. The children also went on a walk around the local area, planning the route beforehand and identifying the different human and physical features they could see. The children then made a tally chart of what they saw and created a bar chart to show their findings. They discovered that Heanor has more human than physical features!



Year 3 and 4

In year 3 and 4, the children have enjoyed learning about ancient civilizations. The children began their learning journey by exploring where the ancient Sumerians lived, what life was like and what they invented. The children were surprised to find out that the Sumerians invented early concepts of mathematics and writing! The children also created some 'dot' art inspired by the ancient Sumer legend, Gilgamesh the King. Next, the children moved onto learning about what the Indus Valley civilization was like, comparing and contrasting this with life in the ancient Sumer civilization. The children then finished the term by creating Indus Valley inspired clay sculptures! They can't wait to learn about the Shang Dynasty next half term!



Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed learning about WWII. They dived straight into learning all about the build-up to WWII and the impact on Jewish people living in Germany during that period. They found out about the Treaty of Versailles after WWI and how Germany was forced to admit full responsibility and received punishments. The children then explored Hitler's rise to power and learnt facts about the Holocaust. The children also combined their art and IT skills to create poppy t-shirts which will be worn on Remembrance Day. To finish the term, the children went on an amazing trip where they travelled back in time and got to experience what life would have been like in the war. The children can't wait to continue their learning next half term!

