



Summer 1 2023

Our theme this half term has been 'Our Heritage.' Throughout the school, we have explored what our theme means and have enjoyed learning about different topics that link to the theme. The children have also learnt some new vocabulary, which they can use in their writing.

Nursery and Reception

This half term, the children in the early years have chosen a new theme as they have a keen interest in animals, specifically minibeasts and bugs. The topic has been 'Magical Minibeasts.' The children have been learning the names of minibeasts, key facts about them, where they live and how we can look after them. They have also been learning about some life cycles of the minibeasts too. The children have been very inquisitive about the natural world and have asked lots of questions and made comments about what they have been learning. The children also had a unique opportunity to learn about and share in the celebrations of the King's Coronation, alongside the rest of the school.



Year 1 and 2

This half term, the children have been learning about the Great Fire of London. Their topic question has been 'What impact did The Great Fire of London have on towns and cities in our country?' The children have learnt about the plague and how it started as well as what London was like around that time. They then delved deeper into the Great Fire of London, learning about how it started and how it spread. The children became historians and explored how we know about events from the past and explored eyewitness accounts and the diary of Samuel Pepys! They also recorded how London has changed since the fire in 1666 and have explored what London looks like today.



Year 3 and 4

The children have really enjoyed learning all about the Howitts this half term. Their topic has been 'Who were the Howitts and what did they achieve?' The children began their journey by hunting around the school for clues of the past. They learnt about the history of the school and how its name has changed several times over the years. The children then learnt about who the Howitts were, where they lived, what they were famous for as well as what their main achievements have been over the years. They finished their topic by having a special visit from Mrs Babicki who is a Howitt history expert!



Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have continued learning about rainforests in the topic 'Why are the world's rainforests important to us?' The children have learnt about the layers within the rainforest, how they differ and why this is important for the species that live there. This was the stimulus for their independent research into animals of the Amazon Rainforest and their habitats. They have also learnt about plant species that live in the rainforest and what they provide for us: coffee, chocolate, spices, bananas, different types of wood and much more. To conclude the topic, the children held a deforestation debate in which they were able to voice their opinions whilst explaining their knowledge and understanding about rainforests.

