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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 topic has been 'Marvellous Me.' Firstly, the children took part in a range of activities focusing on settling into their nursery and reception classes. They have been making new friends and getting to know each other by discussing favourite things and familiar interests. The children have also been taking part in activities relating to their topic and have enjoyed learning all about each other and the adults and families around them.

Year 1 and 2

The children in year 1 and 2 have been improving their geography skills this half term. Their topic question has been, "Where on Earth are the world's continents?' The children have been learning lots about the 7 different continents of the world, including where they are on a world map. They have developed their knowledge by learning about the countries, currencies, animals and food in each continent. The children particularly enjoyed making famous landmarks from each continent using clay. Year 1 and 2 finished their topic by sharing their learning with Key Stage 2.

Year 3 and 4

In year 3 and 4, the children have been learning all about Italy. The topic question has been 'How does Italy compare to the United Kingdom?' The children have enjoyed learning about the human and physical features of Italy, where Italy is in the world and have learnt to recognise the unique shape of Italy on a map. They enjoyed learning about life in Italy and Italian cuisine. The children then had an amazing experience of planning, designing and making their own Italian pizza and enjoyed eating them at their very own pizza party. They are looking forward to building on their knowledge about Italy in their topic about the Romans next half term!

Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have had a great start to the year learning about America. Their topic question, 'How is living in the USA different to living in the UK?' has provided many exciting lessons and discussions within class. The children have been able to apply their geographical skills by locating the USA, labelling the states, comparing the landscape in different regions and discovering various tribes when learning about Native Americans. They have then compared what democracy looks like across the two countries and recognised the influence that America has on the rest of the world. The topic finale enabled the children to express all of this learning in the style of a rap, which each class performed.

