

Primary 1/2

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The purpose of this overview is to give parents and carers an indication ('Snapshots') of some of the activities pupils have participated in to develop a knowledge and understanding of the world around them and to develop necessary skills and qualities.

You will appreciate that pupils participate in many more activities than those listed, for example, very few, if any, of the literacy and numeracy activities undertaken are mentioned.

However, development of literacy and numeracy skills remain at the heart of our school curriculum.

Sound Activities



In addition to our multi sensory approach to phonics, pupils will often undertake crafts/



experiments /activities to help reinforce the sound that is being taught. For example when learning about the 'g' sound the children in the class made paper plate ghosts to decorate the class for Halloween. The 'p' sound saw the children making popcorn and enjoying it afterwards. We have also made apples, sunflowers, rainbows, rainbow fish and much more!

Forest School



We have been to the woods and built dens which we covered in



bamboo sticks. We used leaves, stones, sticks, flowers, twigs, to make a number lines. We built a really big pile of leaves but Mrs McConachie kicked it every where. The boys and girls all become experts at climbing trees. The class have learnt that it is important to leave the hazelnuts for the animals to eat.



Village walk



We have been practicing walking round the village smartly. We walk with our partners and watch out for traffic and people walking their dogs. We were then able to walk through Union Square very smartly.



Halloween



P1/2 thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and taking part in our Halloween themed day.



There were a number of activities for the children to take part in. For example, ducking for apples, doughnut catch, slimy spaghetti play and making witches hats! Lots of fun was had with many jokes being told throughout the day by the children.

France

Pupils have been slowly introduced to the French language and are beginning to use it in their everyday routines. For example, school dinners are now counted in French with the children becoming increasingly more confident at saying the numbers. Other commands

said in French e.g. line up, sit down are all understood by the children and they are able to greet one another.

Before the class began to learn some French, we felt that it was important that they knew a little about the country for example, where it is, landmarks and customs. More recently the children have looked at how Christmas is celebrated in France and know how to say Father Christmas in French.

Seasons

P1/2 have begun to look at the different seasons and how they change throughout the year. We looked at the effect the seasons have on some trees and created some beautiful artwork showing the changes.



Through discussion, the class came up with 'typical' weathers for seasons e.g. sunshine in Summer (although it was emphasised that this is not always the case!) Snow was found to be most common in winter with the children extremely excited about the prospect of getting some soon so they could build snowmen and go sledging! With snow not looking likely anytime soon, we decided to make our own.



The class worked in small groups to mix water with some special snow mixture. The pupils loved watching the snow expand and had great fun afterwards playing some penguins in the snow that they had made.

Author Live Link

P1/2/3 all link up with other schools to watch Tracey Corderoy and Steven Lenton share their story books about Shifty McGrifty. After

Tracey had read us a story we had to draw our own Slippery Sam. We then played a memory game—Oh no where did it go?



Maths

The focus in maths this term has been on shape.



Through numerous different tasks and activities pupils have enjoyed learning about 2D and 3D shape. Pupils are able to explain the difference between the two, name shapes and identify some of their properties. The children are also able to explain and point out both 2D and 3D shapes that are all around us.



Drumming

Pupils at the school have been lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to take part in Samba Drumming workshops. This has been a great experience for the children and it has been great to see their improved performance over the weeks.



Church visit

The class had a visit to St John's because this is where we are putting on the nativity. The minister showed us the font and where people are baptised. Reverend Turner explained the meaning of the different colours in his robes.

