

## Year 1 End of Year Report

2015 -16

Wow! What another busy year and we all wanted to tell you what we have been up to.

### New Creative Curriculum

In our first half term, we followed a curriculum very similar to Reception. This meant that we could develop the key skills of reading, writing and maths - everyday, for every child. This helped the children catch up from their summer dip and develop independence.

Each term we have had a new topic.

### This Is Me and Where I Live

We looked at our bodies, named parts of our bodies and learnt about our senses. Using mirrors we painted self-portraits. We also made maps of our journey to school.

### Rose Mockford - Artist

As part of the school Regio art project, artist Rose Mockford came into our class. We used the spin art technique to create a class piece of artwork which depicted the millennium bridge lit up at night with lots of colours. We used a salad spinner and dropped in paint. No Mess!! Great!! In addition we used wax scratch art to create our own individual Tyne Bridge picture.



## Castles



After Christmas we learned about castles. We learnt about the battle of Hastings and why castles were built. We looked at how they had changed over time and how they were defended. We designed a battering ram that could knock down a castle wall. It had to be strong and be able to move. What a lot

of fantastic ideas we had!



We went to visit a real castle - Newcastle Keep. The class enjoyed the trip despite all the stairs and particularly enjoyed the view of Newcastle from the rooftop of the castle. Jessica said we could see the whole world from the top of the keep!



## Seasons

As part of science, we have been studying the seasons each term. We have observed and discussed the changes and identified how the weather changed too. Over the year we have been writing our own non fiction book about the seasons. We have included line drawing, collages, and pictures created on the computers.

### Autumn



We went on an Autumn walk to look for signs of Autumn. We collected different coloured leaves and talked about how leaves change. In the yard we used the leaves to design a piece of art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.



Our Andy Goldsworthy styled art.



How do you think it compares?

## Winter

It snowed! We took the opportunity to learn about winter. We wrote acrostic poems and drew trees - using lines of different thickness.



## Spring

On our spring walk we looked for signs of spring. We have planted seeds and watched them grow. We looked at Van Gough's Sunflower picture and created our own.

## Summer

We are busy learning about summer now! We have made leaf rubbings and identified the leaves.

## Plants and Animals

We were amazed to find out we eat some types of plants. We have planted sunflower seeds and are watching them grow! We have enjoyed answering questions like "What types of trees grow at Bridgewater?"

## Whitehouse Farm



on a tractor ride around the farm and got to hold all

We visited Whitehouse Farm as an introduction to our plants and animals topic. The children had the opportunity to bottle feed lambs and all the other animals. We went



sorts of weird and wonderful creatures. Rhys liked having a tarantula on his head!! It was a really successful trip which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

### Fire Safety

A fireman came into school to talk about fire safety. We learned about the dangers of fire and how fires can be prevented. We know never to play with matches or lighters and what to do when others want to play with them.



### KS1 Christmas



After lots of practise, KS1 put together a Christmas Nativity story called 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings.' We all enjoyed learning the songs and dances and our families thought it was lovely.



Santa came to visit too!

### Road Safety



A lady came in to school to talk to use about being safe on the roads. We talked about safe places to play and how we should never cross a road without an adult.



## Snow Bears Workshop

Chris Bostock and Ken Patterson performed the story of the Snow Bear. It was a wonderful combination of puppets, shadow puppets and music to tell the story



of the snow bear. Chris also carried out some story and music workshops with the children during the day - it was great fun!



## Film Week

Key Stage 1 went to the cinema at the Metro Centre for a special trip because it was film week. We went to watch the film called Cinderella! We also got some popcorn and a fruit shoot. Mrs Maughan loved it!

## PE



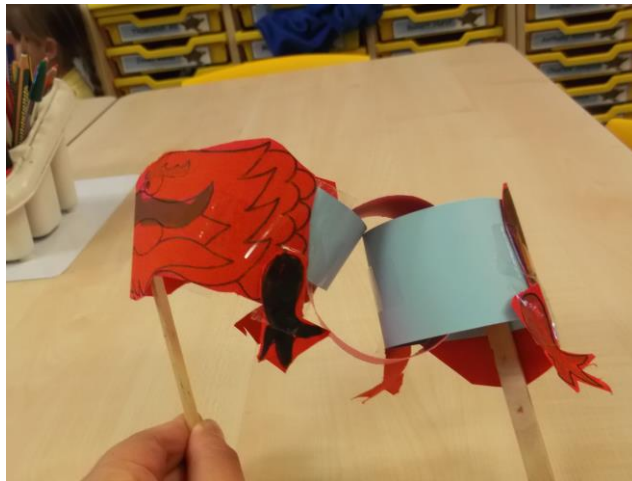
Ian has been working closely with all the teachers and classes across school to ensure the delivery of PE. The budget stretched to get

support with dance lessons and a lady called 'Dolly' worked with all classes. Dolly worked with Year 1 to learn a dance to 'Black Magic'.

### China/Chinese New Year



To celebrate the Chinese New Year we learnt a little about what Chinese schools were like.



We made a Chinese dragon and learnt a simple dance. We all loved making kites and testing them out.



### Turtles Class Assembly

Year 1 assembly this year was linked to our topic castles. We told our parents about what we had been learning about.

### Enterprise Week

The children had an action packed timetable during Enterprise Week learning about the world or work and the many different occupations they could choose when they are older.

### Band in a Box

During the Autumn term, Band in a Box taught us to play the Djembe drums. We created a piece of music called Animals Parade. Different animals had different beats to play and at first it was quite hard to keep the rhythm going. But with a lot of practise we were able to perform to our parents. They loved it!



We also had another workshop where we used transport as a theme. We used different sounds with our voices and with instruments.

### Excitement to come...

Although the year had been jam packed with so many exciting things happening, we still have more to look forward to.



A trip where we will visit Whitley Bay beach, a traditional trip to the seaside and here's hoping that the sun will be shining!!

We are so proud of the children's achievements, and the progress they have made. This has been a wonderful year and also a fun filled and successful one at that.

