

## Year 1 –Pandas

### End of Year Report

2016 -2017



We have had a wonderful year with the Pandas. We have lost and gained some children throughout the year and we currently have 30 children, 17 boys and 13 girls. The Pandas class is made up with a variety of children, children with Special Educational Needs, English as an Additional Language and children with a range of backgrounds and different cultures all of which have made an impact and enriched the lives of the children.



In our first half term, we followed a curriculum similar to that of the Reception classes. This meant we had time to develop some of the key skills like Reading, Writing and Maths whilst still utilising a play based curriculum to settle the children in. This also helped the children develop a little more independence.



All the children have different needs and in order to plan effectively for them we need to take into account previous teacher assessment, look at where they are when they enter Year 1 and doing our own assessment for each individual pupils using key skills.





## Read Write Inc (RWI)



As part of a whole school project, all the staff have been taught to teach reading, writing and spellings through RWI. It aims to develop children to be accurate and speedy readers. We are taught in small, ability groups where we move through the programme at our own pace and are taught sounds and words to support us. Each day we have a 1 hour session which includes speed sounds, reading and Get Writing.

Each term we have had a new topic.

## This Is Me and Where I Live

This was our first topic. We looked at our bodies and named parts of our bodies. We talked about our senses, linked these to parts of our body, and carried out a senses walk around the school grounds. We looked at the area in which we live, used maps, and talked about the different human and physical features of our locality. We have a great view of the River Tyne from our classroom veranda and the children could explore what they could see.

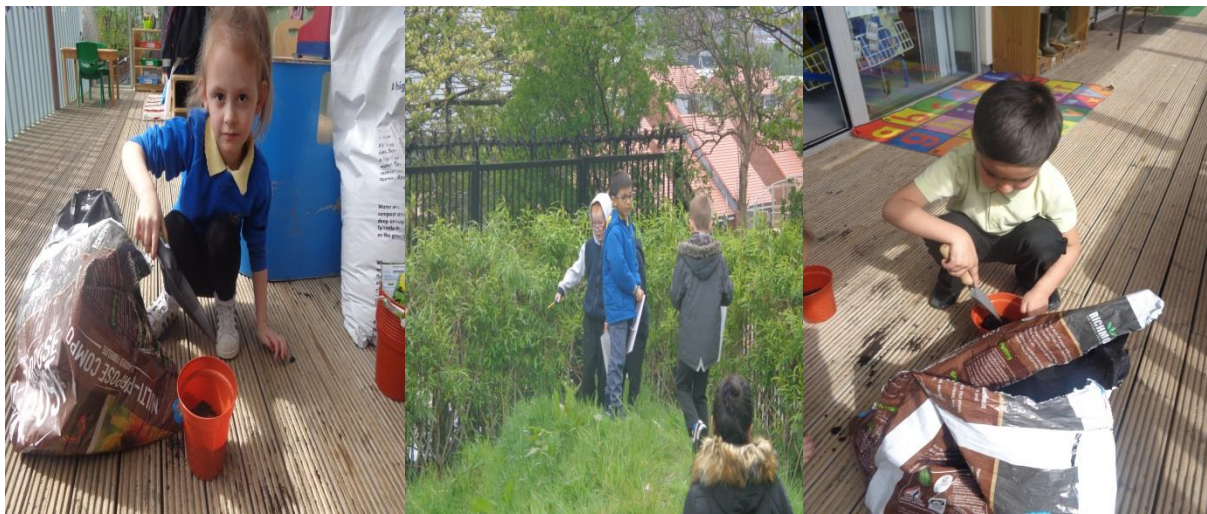


## Castles

After Christmas, we learnt about castles. We looked at the battle of Hastings and King Harold's life and compared castles from then to castles now. We considered the purpose of castles, how they have changed and how they were defended throughout the ages. We studied historical castles in our area and used maps to locate them.

## Plants and Seeds

During our Plants and Seeds topic, we have been looking at flowers, wild flowers and trees. We have been out around school to find different varieties of these and have carried out observational drawings throughout the year to see how they change. The children also planted their own sunflower seeds after the Easter holidays and these have now begun to grow. The children have learnt about how to care for their plants and enjoy going to see their plants and observe the changes. More recently, the children have been learning about different types of plants that we can eat.



## 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 non-chronological reports about the seasons and what we have experienced at those times of year. We have also included drawings and images created using ICT.

### Autumn

We went for an autumn walk around the school grounds to look for signs of Autumn. We collected different coloured leaves and talked about how and why the leaves change. We used the leaves to design a piece of artwork in the style of the artist Andy Goldsworthy.

### Winter

We didn't have any snowy days whilst in school this year but we used memories and pictures of previous winters to explore what winter is like. We looked at how the trees changed from Autumn to Winter and discussed why it gets colder and the days get shorter at this time of year.

## Spring

During Spring, we went on a flower hunt as part of our Plants and Seeds topic. The children found different varieties of flowers and wild flowers around school and in our forest area. They created a tally chart to find the most and least common flowers in our school environment. We have also planted sunflower seeds which are growing slowly and the children are learning how to take care of plants. We looked at Van Gogh's Sunflower picture and did our own observational drawing.

## Summer

We are busy learning about summer now! We have begun to talk about the changes from Spring to Summer and will be learning about the weather and how to keep ourselves summer safe as the long summer holiday approaches.

## Broxfield Farm.



We were very fortunate earlier in the year to have a visit from Mr Thompson, the owner of Broxfield Farm. He came in to talk to the children about seasonal changes of the farm and the different crops he has. He brought seeds and oats for the children to explore and the children were able to ground the oats to make flour. We then visited his Farm in March where the children fed the cows, did rain dances in the field and went on a scavenger hunt in a small forest area. We were also visited by two baby lambs from a neighbouring farm and the children were very lucky to be able to bottle feed them.

## KS1 Christmas

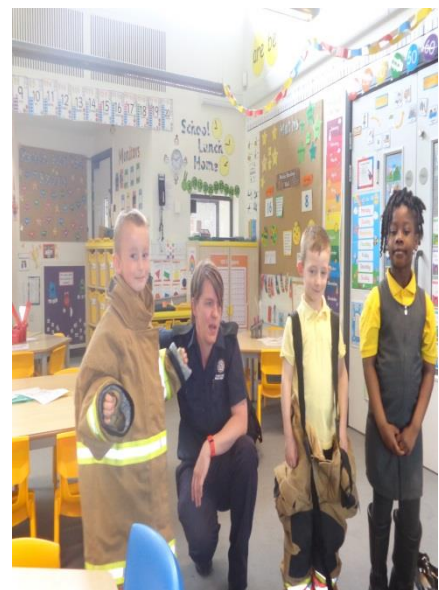


After lots of practise, KS1 put together a Christmas Nativity story called 'Babushka.' We all enjoyed learning the songs and dances and our families thought it was lovely. We also celebrated with a Christmas party and a visit from Santa who brought us all gifts.



### Church services and performances.

The children have attended two services at St Margaret's Church this year. We took part in the harvest festival and also an Easter celebration. We also attended St. James' church for the Christmas service. The children enjoyed learning about these special times of year and learning the all the songs. All year 1 children also took part in their year group assembly at the end of May. This was about the seasons and each child took part by speaking, singing and dancing.



### 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. The children got to ask lots of questions about their job.



## Road Safety

A team from the city council came into school to talk to us about being safe on the roads. We talked about safe places to play and how we should never cross a road without an adult. We also talked about the safe places to cross roads.

## Film Week

Key Stage 1 went to the cinema at the Vue in Gateshead for a special trip because it was film week. We went to watch the film called Kung Foo Panda 3. We also got some popcorn and a fruit shoot. Miss Walton loved it!



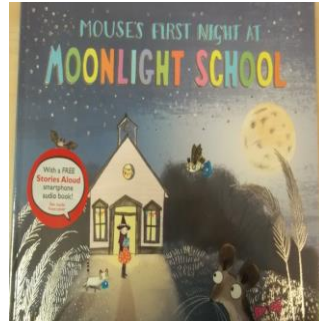
## Book Week



During Book Week, we were visited by a story teller, an author and an illustrator. The children enjoyed listening to a journey story with Chris Bostock, meeting the author Mark carton, who talked about his books and characters and Liz Millions who talked about books she has illustrated and drew pictures with the children.

## Simon Puttock

We studied two books in the Spring term by author Simon Puttock as part of our work in English, It was wonderful for our children to conclude all of their work by meeting him. We also had a sneak preview of Simon Puttock's new book and they were actually the first children to hear it! They were very lucky indeed!



## Enterprise Week

The children had an action packed timetable during Enterprise Week learning about the world of work and the many different occupations they could choose when they are older. The Year 1 children attended the enterprise fair where they got to play games and use their money skills to pay for them.

## Clubs

Some of the Year 1 children have been able to take part in various clubs in and out of school this year. We have had sports club run by Hat-trick, Science club at the Discovery Museum, Cooking club, Gardening club and a Games club run by members of staff after school. The



children have really enjoyed taking part in these this year!





### Excitement to come...

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

We have Health and fitness week coming up where the children will take part in sports day and lots of sporting activities run by staff and outside agencies. They will also learn how to keep their bodies healthy.

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!!

The children have worked so hard this year and we are proud of all their achievements.

Well done Pandas!