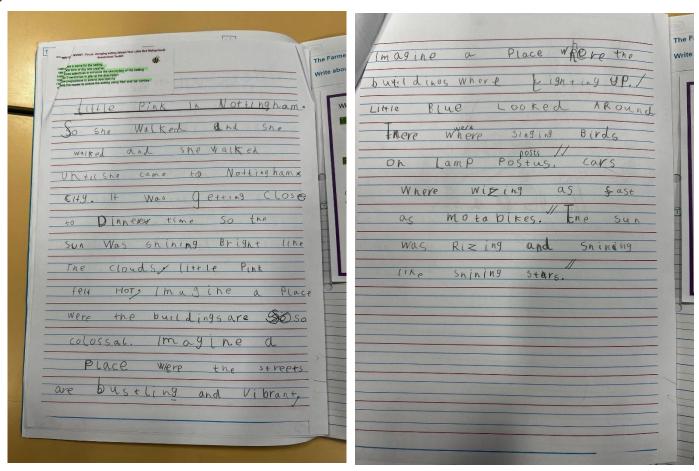


And just like that, the first month of the year is over and we are moving into the final week of this hald term.

What is going on in the classroom?

English

Our unit on Little Red Riding Hood has really helped develop the children's' imaginations. We have tried hard to include WOW words, similes, 3 sentence stacks and a range of time connectives. Here is an example of what we have achieved:



Maths

The children have a great understanding of numbers up to 20. They are able to use numberlines to find numbers and identify one more and one less. They are able to use tens frames to create these numbers. We have been working hard to quickly re-call numbers bonds to 10 and have now moved on to 20.

In our next unit of work on addition and subtraction, the children will be thinking about:

Step 1	Add by counting on within 20
Step 2	Add ones using number bonds
Step 3	Find and make number bonds to 20
Step 4	Doubles
Step 5	Near doubles
Step 6	Subtract ones using number bonds
Step 7	Subtraction – counting back
Step 8	Subtraction – finding the difference

Topic

The children have enjoyed their Science and Art lessons over the past few weeks, We have been learning about the word 'germination' and have planted cress to observe whether it can grow without water. We have also explored whether grass grows best in sunny places, dry places or shady places. Watch this space for an investigation which the children can do over half term if they would like to (resources to be sent home with them next week).

In Art the children have used a range of materials to create different textures including tissue paper, clay, foil and string. We are now working on our final piece of sculptural art inspired by the artise 'Yayoi Kusama' who is knows as the 'princess of the polka dots'.



Family Box

Kit shared his Family Box with us today. Kit went swimming with dolphins in Mexico and brought a dophin teddy. He also brought a Mexican skull. Kit is super proud of his Head Teachers award. Last Christmas he went to Lapland and one of his favourite memories is when they went sledging as a family. Kit brought in his Dobby and cake lego which he has en joyed making with his Daddy. Kit has visited Barbados and lvoed swimming in the sea. He shared his bunny snuggles which he has had since he was a baby. His favourite animals are rabbits! Kit brought his favourite snack – a chocolate croissant.

Logan has a brother called Brody and a sister called Nelly. He shared a family photo of when he went to Centre Parcs with his family and met Santa. He shared lots of family photos from when he was born until now. The children en joyed seeing how he had changed and grown. He en joys playing football with his daddy and is getting really skillful in goal. Logan loves going swimming. He is currently a yellow hat which means he gets to swim in the big pool. He has got lots of badges which have been carefully stitched on ot his towel. He en joys trading pokemon cards with his friends and showed us his special tin. His favourite pokemon is Pikachu. Logan's favourite football team in Manchester United and he brought in his football top with his name on. His favourite book is Postman Pat.

Top Tip

The children have really enjoyed playing hit the button (doubles) and Pirate Treasure (a phonics game). I have challenged them to try and beat their high scores.

Thank you for reading, Mrs Lewis and Miss Evans