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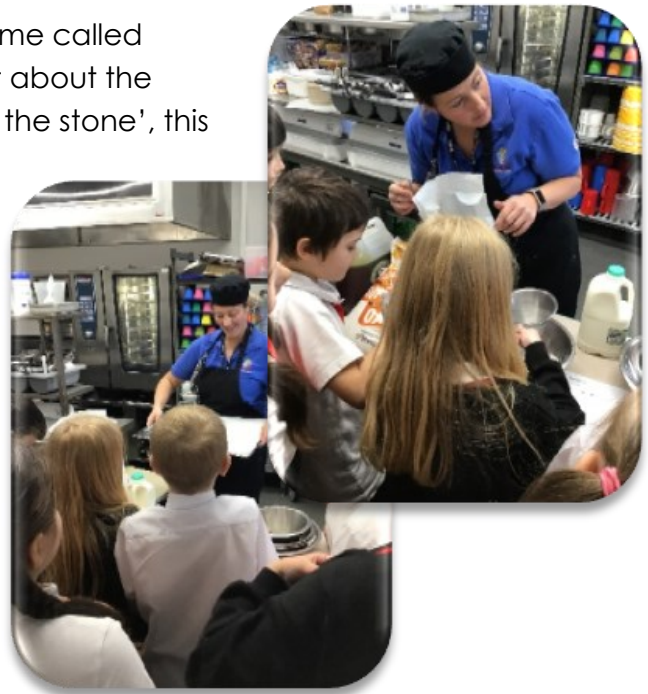
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Year 4 - Merlin

In Autumn 2 our theme was a science driven theme called 'Merlin'. The theme began with pupils finding out about the legend of King Arthur and the story 'The sword in the stone', this then linked into our science topic states of matter. Pupils discovered the properties of solids, liquids and gases by taking part in a series of investigations. Pupils took part in two cookery sessions with Miss Gruber our school cook. In the first sessions pupils designed and made healthy smoothies. Selecting and weighing out all of the ingredients. In the second cookery session pupils made oat cakes using a recipe from medieval times. They were then treated to a medieval banquet.



Nursery - We are going on a Bear Hunt



In Autumn 2 our theme was 'We are going on a Bear Hunt'. We learnt about Autumn, woodland animals, and hibernation. We also learnt about festivals like Bonfire night, Diwali, and Christmas. We created firework pictures, diva lamps, rangoli patterns, and Christmas decorations to celebrate these festivals.

We had lots of fun exploring Autumn. We went on an Autumn Walk to look for signs of Autumn, finding things such as the

changing colour of leaves, berries on the bushes and trees, pinecones, conkers, and acorns. We also discussed the changes that have occurred in the environment.



We collected leaves, berries, and twigs, and made a treasure basket with these items. They were then used to create artwork. We also created leaf rubbings, leaf prints, and leaf collages.

Year 2—Worth Repeating



In Autumn 2, our theme was 'Worth Repeating'. This theme looked at repeating patterns and we were able to go on a pattern walk around the school grounds. We looked for patterns in nature and found natural and man-made patterns. One of our explores looked at a famous artist called James Brunt. We learnt that he creates all his artwork using natural objects that he can find.

In November, we had a really special treat as we had James Brunt visit us at our school! We spent the majority of the day outside creating our very own Holyhead Artwork!

We had some helpers along the way. Reception helped create the inner circle design of leaves and then Year 2 continued the repeating pattern. We collected a variety of different colour leaves

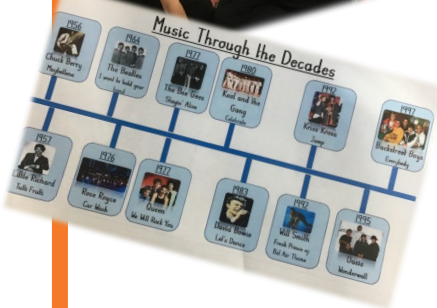


and twigs to secure them down. In the afternoon, Year 4 helped us to create the outer circle and they used a different collection of leaves and twigs. At the end of the day, we had successfully created our own natural artwork outside and we were able to show our finished piece of art to our peers and parents. It was a fantastic experience to work alongside James Brunt and he has inspired us to create future natural patterns.

Year 1 - Blast from the past

As part of Year 1's 'Blast from the past' theme, we hosted a "Music Focus Day". We spent the day listening to and appreciating music from different decades and genres and also got the chance to play instruments. Children were taught how to use their voices expressively and creatively by

singing songs and speaking chants. All children were given the chance to listen to and appreciate songs by Queen, Oasis, The Beatles and many more. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and really showed great enthusiasm when listening to rock, pop and jazz music. Children had the chance to learn lots of fun facts about Bob Marley and Elvis. Overall, it was a memorable day!



Christmas at Holyhead

The children had lots of fun during Christmas week, we had a very special visit from two Reindeers , Molly and Pepper, along with two of Santa's Elves. Santa's Elves' told the children that the reindeers have two coats of fur to keep them warm and that once a season their antlers fall off to allow stronger antlers to grow.

The children had the chance to stroke them and ask all sorts of inquisitive questions, which the Elves' were more than happy to answer!

We were also very lucky to have a visit from Santa himself, who Ho-Ho-Happily handed all the children a present to take home. We raised money for 'Save the Children' by wearing our Christmas jumpers and tucked into a lovely Christmas dinner.

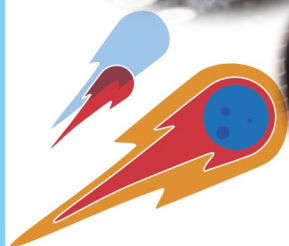


Children In Need—Team Amelia

Last year we supported this wonderful charity to help a much loved former pupil. Amelia who attended Holyhead has sadly been diagnosed with a rare brain tumour where she is bed bound for large periods. Amelia's mom set up a GoFundMe page to raise money for treatment at other hospitals.

We raised money for the GoFundMe page by holding a non-uniform day, sold #team Amelia t-shirts and had a Soak the Principal event. Lots of fun was had to raise money for such a wonderful cause and we were pleased to see it had brought a smile to Amelia, who found the photos very funny!

A total of £856 was raised with all proceeds going to Amelia's GoFundMe page!



Teacher Interview: Mrs Cole

Who inspired you to become a teacher?

I was inspired by my Year 6 primary school teacher (Mrs Osbourne). She made lessons fun, engaging and always gave us the confidence to believe in ourselves. I aspire to have the same teaching beliefs whilst I am teaching.

What do you like the most about school?

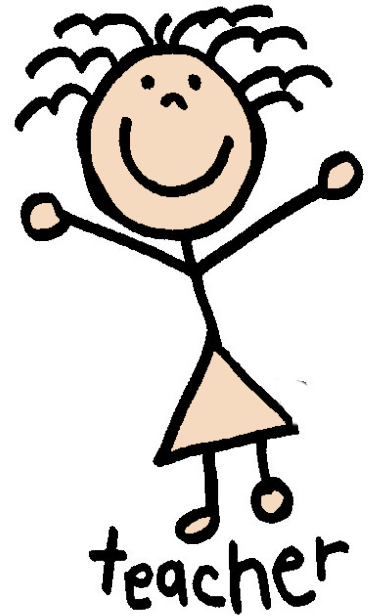
I love coming to school everyday and teaching my class. Everyday is a new day of learning and I look forward to seeing the children. Working as team, collaborating and having a passion for learning are key aspects for me. I love being on a journey and seeing where our learning will take us!

What is your favourite subject?

My favourite subject is Computing! I absolutely love learning how a computer works, and being able to programme. I have loved learning different computing skills over the years and teaching children how to be safe online

Tell us a 'did you know fact' about yourself.

I grew up with the Harry Potter Weasely Twins: Fred and George! Their nan used to live next door to my nan and we used to play outside many Friday nights.



Interviewed by: Aaima, Year 2



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