Badgers Class – Autumn Term Round-up

This half term, Badgers have been learning about Ancient Sumer as their history focus. We started by establishing the location of Sumer in its modern day location and explored the wide range of inventions that they created. We also investigated the social hierarchy that existed at the time and examined the impact of the River Tigris and Euphrates on the Sumerian's daily life. In Science, we have been considering how evolution occurs within living things and have identified inherited characteristics too. We have also analysed the success of different creatures' adaptation process and finally looked into the life and theories of Charles Darwin.

In RE, we celebrated Interfaith Week through a focus on spirituality. We explored the mirror part this time which focused on self and created some beautiful self-portraits based on the artist, Romero Britto. The children also reflected on what made them feel spiritual and wrote well-considered captions which accompanied their masterpieces in the art exhibition. In our other RE learning, we have explored stereotypes, particularly associated with angels and identified where angels come into the Christian nativity story. We also considered how the imagery impacts our understanding of the story.

Our computing learning has seen us explore Micro:bit and use software to program an animation. The children have loved creating these and have used coding structures to create different programs! In art, we have been looking at the work of LS Lowry and as well as looking at his work and completing an artist study, we have been introduced to the concept of one-point perspective. We used this to sketch our own drawings of rows of houses.

In English, we have enjoyed reading Anthony Browne's King Kong and from this, we created our own informative newspaper articles. The children include both direct and reported speech and had to focus on formality throughout. We then moved onto a festive writing journey and used the film stimulus, 'The Christmas Truce' as our text driver. The outcome for this was a letter home to a loved one which the children really enjoyed.

Our maths learning this half term has focussed on geometry as we compared and classified different shapes and for Year 6s, they have even moved on to illustrating and naming parts of circles. Using key mathematical facts, we have also been able to measure and calculate missing angles. To add to this, we have also been drawing, translating and reflecting shapes in coordinate grids. In music, we have been learning about the importance of Monteverdi in the history of opera and PSHE has seen us looking at working together, learning strategies to deal with friendship challenges. We really enjoyed the SCARF workshop which we took part in earlier in the term on calming a busy mind and all felt that we took on board strategies which can help us in our day-to-day lives. Finally, our PE learning this half term has used Real PE to explore netball style games. The children have progressed with their teamwork across the half term but it has also been great to see them developing essential skills for the game e.g. footwork, marking, spacing.

The children have all worked their socks off this half term and are all making great progress but also making the most of every opportunity on offer to them. They are certainly deserving of a restful Christmas break! From all of us in Badgers, we wish you a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing all of you in 2025!