

Year One Mole Class Term 1 news

This term we have enjoyed beginning our topic, 'Wonderful Me, Wonderful World!' In geography we have made maps of our self-built small-world areas, ensuring that we have added keys and compasses; we have used directional and positional language to describe features and routes on maps; we have learnt about the difference between human-made and physical features in our environment, and we have just started to learn about Earth's continents and oceans. Later in term we will begin to think specifically about the UK and its constituent countries. We have especially enjoyed exploring our class globe and set of atlases, as well as seeking out map-themed puzzles during choosing time - we are all growing into budding geographers!

In science we have explored the 'Wonderful Me' part of our topic by learning about our amazing bodies - the names of body parts (including abdomen, thigh, calf and pelvis), the functions each body part performs (especially in relation to our senses), and how our bodies are similar to, or different from, our friends'.

We have been learning how to mix secondary colours in art, prior to learning about portraiture, and sketching portraits of ourselves and/or our friends - again in support of our 'Wonderful Me' topic. Our PSHE topic, 'Being Me in my World', has encouraged the children to identify the things that make them special, and to understand why rules and boundaries are important to keep us safe and happy.

In Maths we have undertaken lots of practical activities to deepen our understanding of place value to ten, as well as practising our number formation. We have ordered numbers, written numerals as words, found one more and one less than a number, and we are currently learning to compare numbers using more/fewer/same and greater than/less than (including using the related mathematical symbols). In addition to our core maths lessons, we also undertake daily ten-minute 'maths mastery' lessons, often involving rekenreks, to embed the children's foundational mathematical knowledge.

Our computing focus has been online safety, learning how to search safely online, what to do if we are approached by strangers online, and the importance of not sharing our personal details with strangers.

In music we have been learning a cumulative song called 'Menu': the children have done really well to remember all the different foods eaten on each day of the week in the song, as well as learning about beat and tempo.

Our PE lessons this term have been 'Fitness' and 'Working together', both of which have been lots of fun! We have played lots of games outside on the field, developing our turn-taking, listening and sharing skills.

Our RE topic this term has been 'God – what do Christians believe God is like?' We have been learning about the parable of the prodigal son, and talking about what Christians can learn about God from it.

Well done, Mole Class on a super start to Year 1!