

Our Curriculum

This term, all of our classes have been busy learning about a range of topics, as well as developing new skills across the curriculum. These pages provide a summary of the exciting activities which the children have taken part in. In addition to the information below, the children have also enjoyed a House Learning Day about cultures from around the world, Harvest assembly, Nativity plays, a Christingle service and a whole school trip to the Pantomime. The children's home learning projects have been an amazing addition to their work across the curriculum and we have been impressed with their effort and hard work towards these. Our assemblies have focused on our school values, as well as, the British values. We hope the children have enjoyed their learning experiences.

Mrs Waller

Science

Across the school, the children have been working scientifically to develop their science knowledge and understanding. Reception looked closely as part of a class experiment into salt dough gingerbread men. On an Autumn walk, Year 1 photographed some of the seasonal changes they saw. Year 5 enjoyed observing the super moon as part of their topic on Space and Year 3 investigated the relationship between light, objects and shadows. All of the children have been applying their English skills through creative writing opportunities. Year 4 wrote a recount after a dental hygienist visit, and Year 2 wrote about Charles Mackintosh and the development of a new material.

Miss Taylor

Computing

We have benefited this term from the purchase of 20 new school laptops. These have been put to good use throughout the school in developing a range of computing skills. Reception have been learning to control a mouse on screen. Year 1 have learnt the 'basics' of logging on and off, Year 2 have developed their understanding of email and Year 3 have been learning about the importance of debugging. Both Year 5 and 6 have linked their work to topics, looking at coding and the work of Ada Lovelace respectively. On a weekly basis, all classes discuss how to stay safe online, both at school and at home. Our parent workshops have supported us with this.

Mr Yeldham

Design and Technology

In D and T, children have had the opportunity to make a variety of different models such as moving toys in Year 5, and Flanimal characters in Year 6, applying their digital design skills. Years 2 and 3 have been busy designing and sewing money pouches and Christmas tree decorations. Reception and Year 1 have designed and made their own models whilst Year 3 were able to practice their skills at weaving. Children have also been very busy practising their baking and cooking skills. Tasty apple pies and gingerbread men were baked in Reception, Year 1 and 2. Year 3 made a delicious soup and Year 4 baked scones. Tying in with their history topic, Year 5 made Victorian Tea biscuits from an old fashioned recipe and Year 6 made jams, chutneys and crumbles.

Mrs Paganuzzi

English

This term we have been particularly focused on developing our cross-curricular writing. Teachers have been looking for opportunities to develop pieces of writing that are linked to R.E., History, Geography or Science themes. Year 4 for example have produced pieces detailing life as an Anglo Saxon. Year 6 have created a discussion linked to the ethics of genetic engineering.

Mr Yeldham

Maths

The children across all of the classes have been continuing to build on the mastery approach to Maths. Children are building on their number knowledge, calculations and reasoning skills. Speaking frames are being used to help children to explain their reasoning and the children are working hard to use manipulatives to support their understanding.

Mrs Waller

Geography

The younger children at Manland have been busy exploring their local area this term. Several classes have been for walks around the local area to study local features and buildings. Further up the school the children have been learning the skills needed for orienteering. The whole school enjoyed exploring different cultures from countries around the world as part of our house learning day.

Mrs Blackstaffe

History

Manland children have had an exciting time learning about history. As well as classroom-based learning, they have enjoyed a range of trips and experiences. Year 1 and 2 have had visits from museums with artefacts to explore. Year 3 went to Celtic Harmony camp to gain insight into Iron Age farming and clothes, Year 4 visited the Anglo-Saxon village at West Stow and Year 5 spent a day at the British Schools Museum experiencing life as Victorian students!

Mrs Bevan

French

The children across Key Stage 2 have weekly French lessons. They have been learning to say words and phrases in French, as well as, beginning to write key vocabulary. The children have enjoyed playing games in their French lessons to help them remember their new words and have also asked and answered questions in French. Some of this learning has been demonstrated in class assemblies and it is also evident in displays around the school.

Mrs James

Music

It's been a busy term in music with our children performing in front of audiences, whether it be at Harvest Festival, Christingle, Nativities, in class assemblies or with the choir at the Rotary Carol Concert. In music lessons, children have been composing their own music in groups and sharing their ideas with their peers. Year 3 have all made good progress with their violin lessons with Mrs Wilmshurst. We have over 45 children learning instruments and it's been lovely to hear them and other instrumentalists sharing their pieces in our music assembly on a Wednesday.

Mrs Barker

PE

We have had a very successful first term with sport! Year 5 & 6 had a triumph with their cross country and this was celebrated in assembly.

An accomplished long jumper, who competed in the Olympics, taught all the years the importance of training, nutrition and even took part in a circuit training course. All the children had fun and thoroughly enjoyed being in the company of an Olympian!

Miss Serrano

PSHE

Pupils celebrated 'Anti-Bullying Week' in November. The theme was 'Help another fellow and wear yellow' or 'Just be you and wear blue'. PHSE lessons were based on these themes and children wore blue or yellow to celebrate the day. This term, worry boxes were introduced in all classes. Pupils can write down their worries and pop it in the box. Pupils also have regular circle times in PHSE lessons where they can share their thoughts.

Mrs Parrott

RE

We have had a busy term with children across the school learning about world religions, as well as, the significance of different festivals and events such as Remembrance Day and Pilgrimage. Most recently we have been looking at the Christmas story and the significance of Christingles. The children enjoyed making their own! Many classes have also enjoyed visits from the local Christian group Jump.

Mrs Carpenter

Art

In Art this term, children have taken part in a wide range of exciting activities including printing in years 1 and 5. In Year 4, children have been sketching and weaving Anglo Saxon patterns and in Year 3 looking at cave paintings and recreating them in charcoal. In Year 2, children have sculpted models of heads and in Year 6 made biome collages. Reception have been exploring resources to create pictures.

Mrs Paganuzzi

Clubs

The children have taken part in a range of clubs over the term to further enhance their experiences of subjects across the curriculum.

These have included; Drama, Netball, Lego, Library, Coding, Gardening, Multi-sports, Colour and Sound. Crafts, Badminton, Mindful Colouring, Football, Cross Country, Art and Choir. The School Council have been talking about the clubs and decided that...*"They're enjoyable"*-Evie,

"We have a lot of sports clubs"-Alex,

"They are put on for a reason, like they help you get better at things or help you relax"-Rosie

Mrs Waller