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English

Year 1 have been very busy this term looking at lots of different styles of writing, we started the term by looking at 'Intrepid Explorers'. We took a focus on space and looked at the book 'Aliens Love Underpants' and the video of Julia Donaldson's story 'The Smeds and The Smoos' to help us with story sequencing, creating our own alien and writing a character description for our alien. We also enjoyed reading about Neil Armstrong and created a fact file about him.



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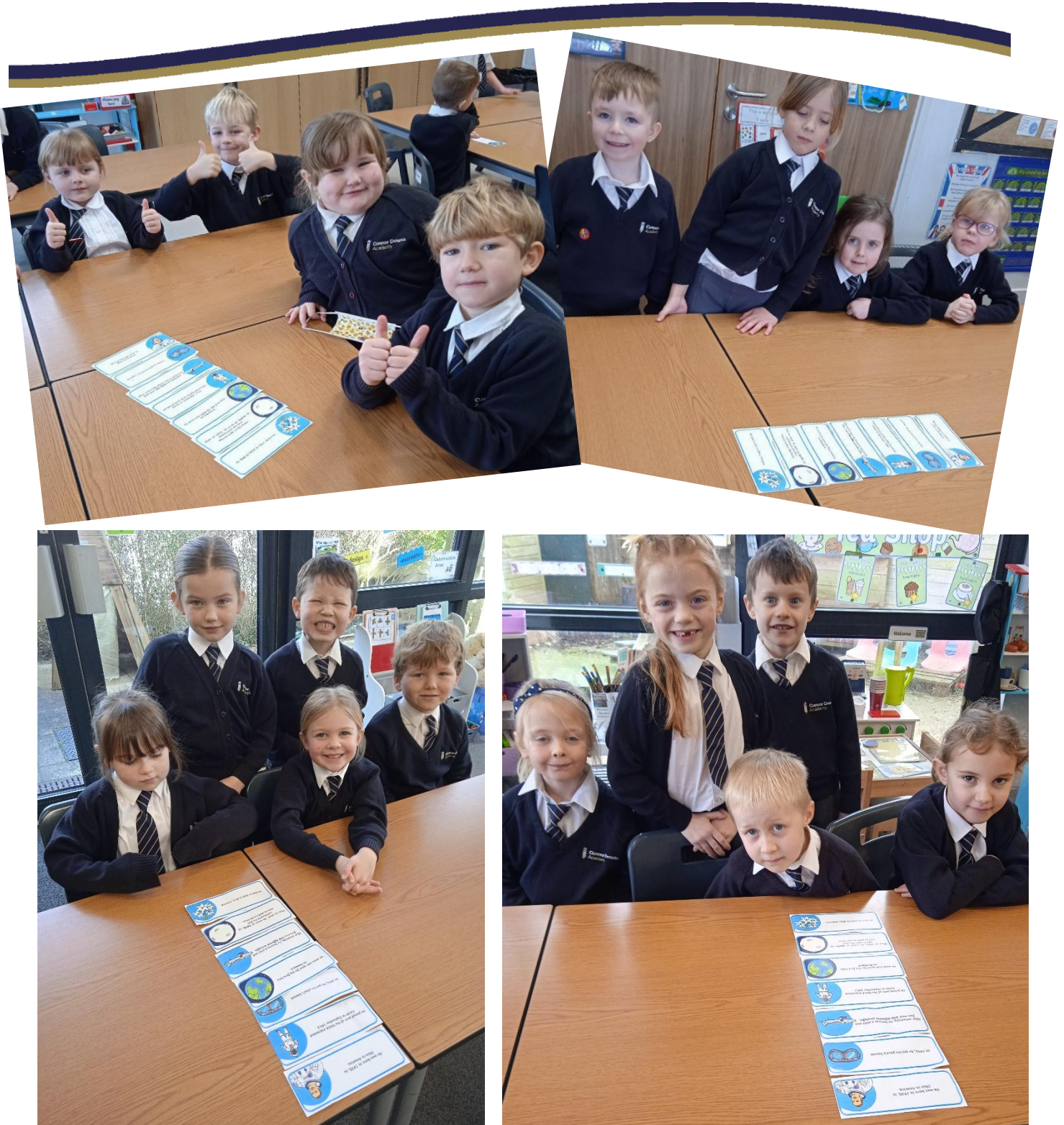
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Year 1 have also been studying our senses as part of our poetry focus linking to our geography and science 'The Four Seasons and The Body', we have been looking at all the different things we can see, hear, smell, touch and taste. We completed a senses trail around school, wrote lots of sentences about what we found. We then had our class trip to Trengwainton Gardens and completed a senses trail on our trip. The information we gained from our trip was then used to help us create a whole class and our own senses poems.



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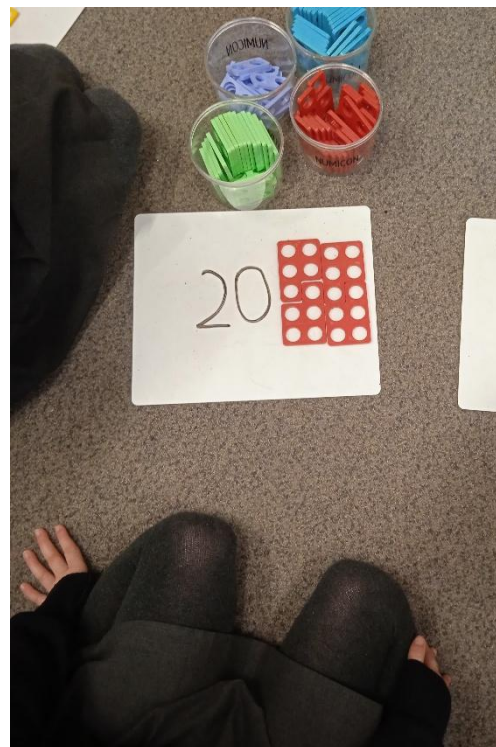
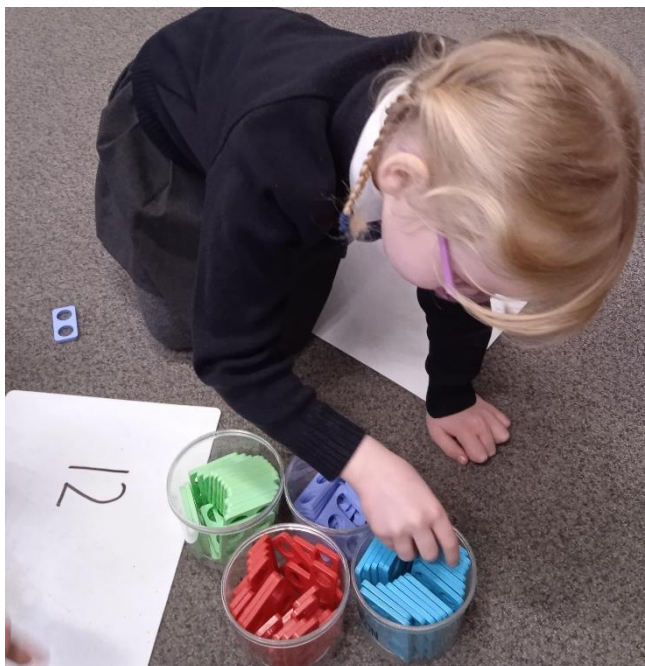
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Maths

Year 1 have studied lots of different areas in maths this term, they have also been practicing their mental maths skills every morning, 4 days a week we complete our spiral maths questions which focus on these skills.

We started the term looking at addition and subtraction, place value using tens and ones. We used lots of different resources to help us with our addition and subtraction, we used counters, ten frames, numicon and base ten. We then focused on length and height, and mass and volume.



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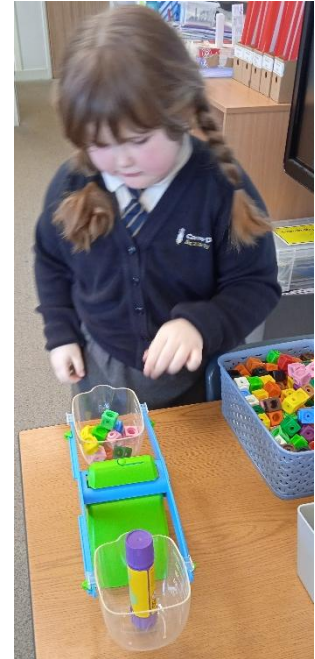
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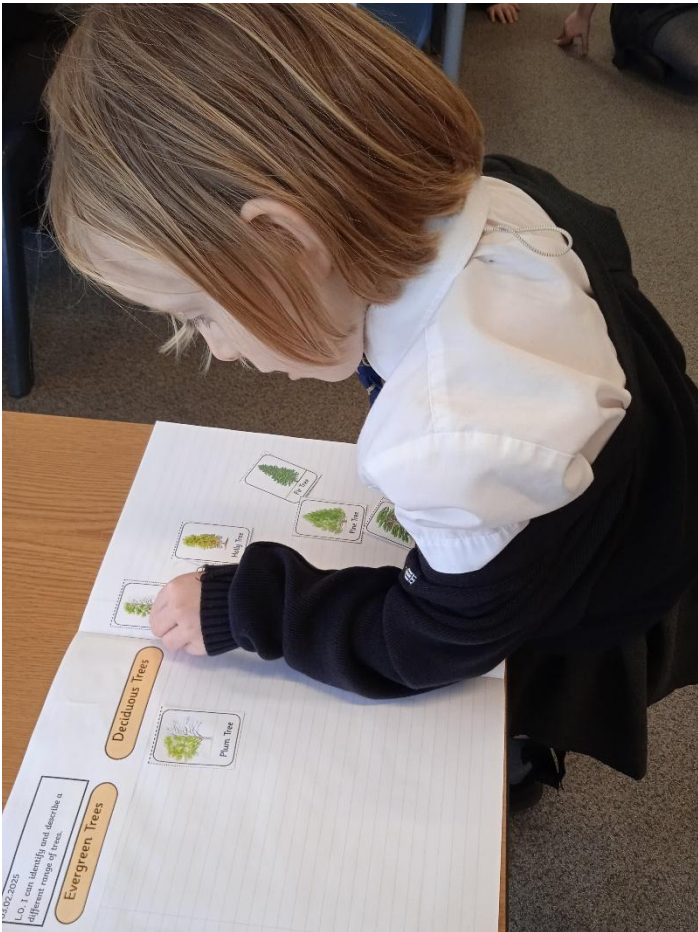
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Science

In science we have had a look at plants and what they need to grow, deciduous and evergreen trees and wild and garden plants. We have also looked at 'Our Body'. We looked at the human body, labelled the different parts and explored the different senses.



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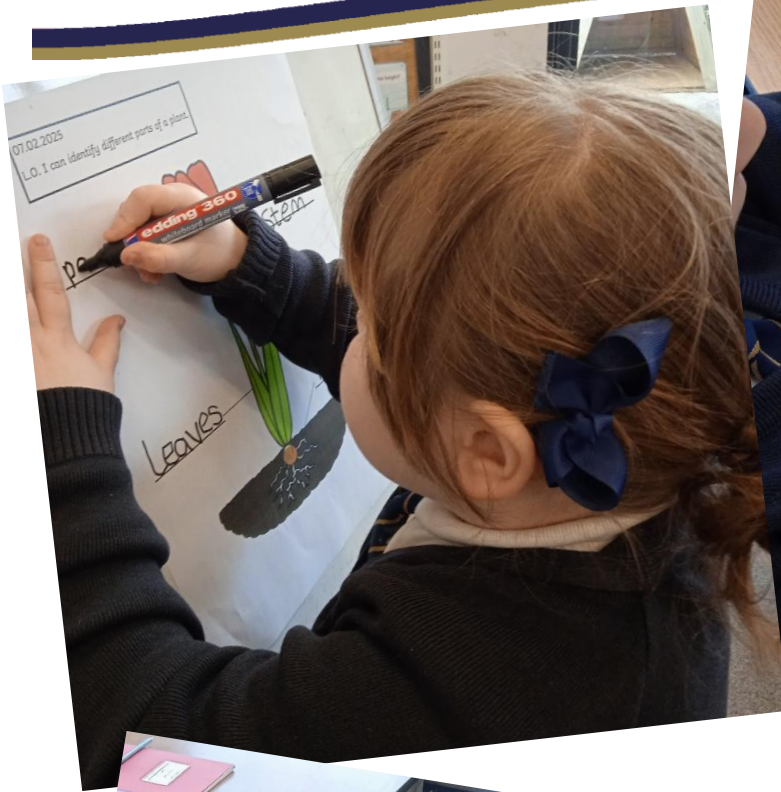
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History

In history this term our topic has been Intrepid Explorers, we looked at the key historical figures Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong and their exciting travels. Year 1 particularly enjoyed learning about Neil Armstrong and his space adventure, they found out that he was the first man to walk on the moon.



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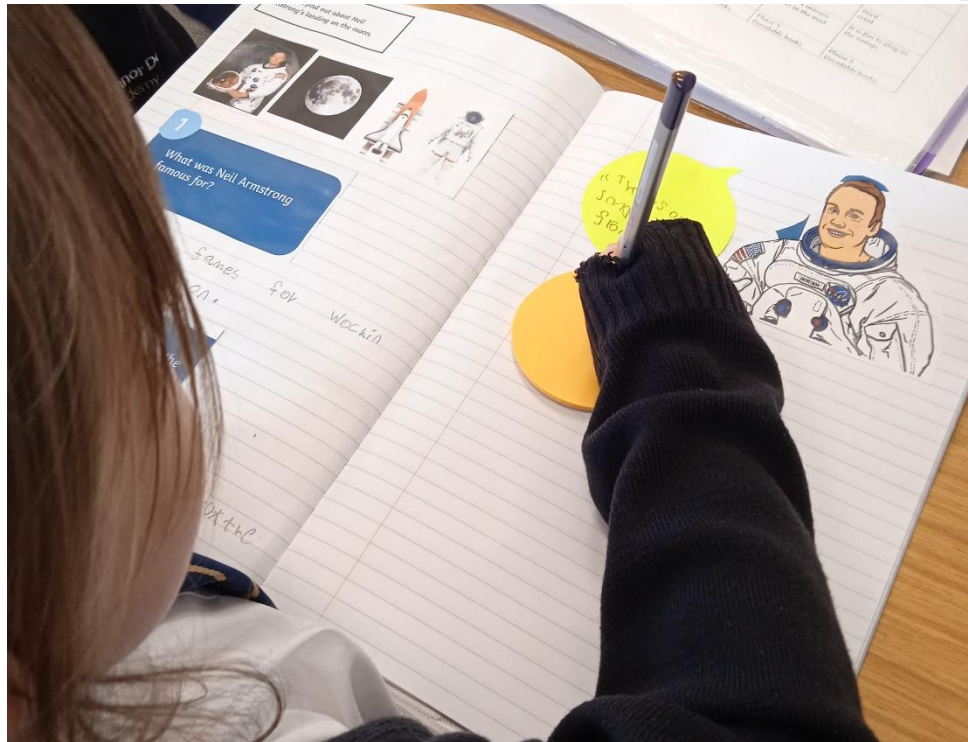
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Art and Design

This term in art we have looked at colour mixing and creating art inspired by Kandinsky. We started with the three primary colours and then using watercolours mixed the primary colours to create secondary colours and Kandinsky circles. In Design we have used our creating and making skills to create garages.



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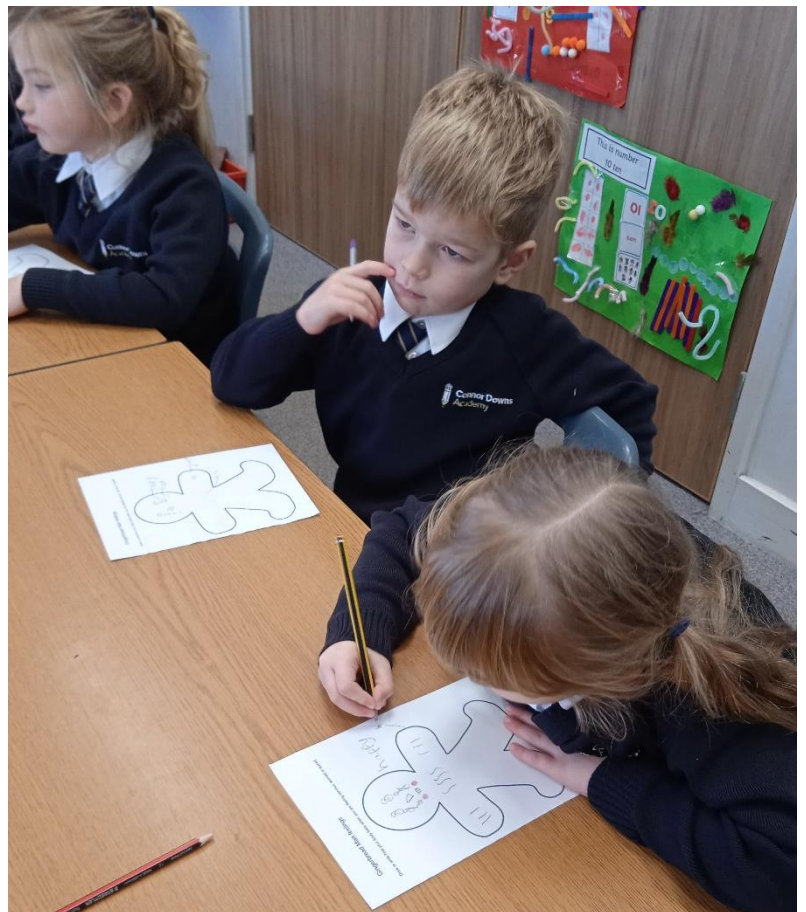
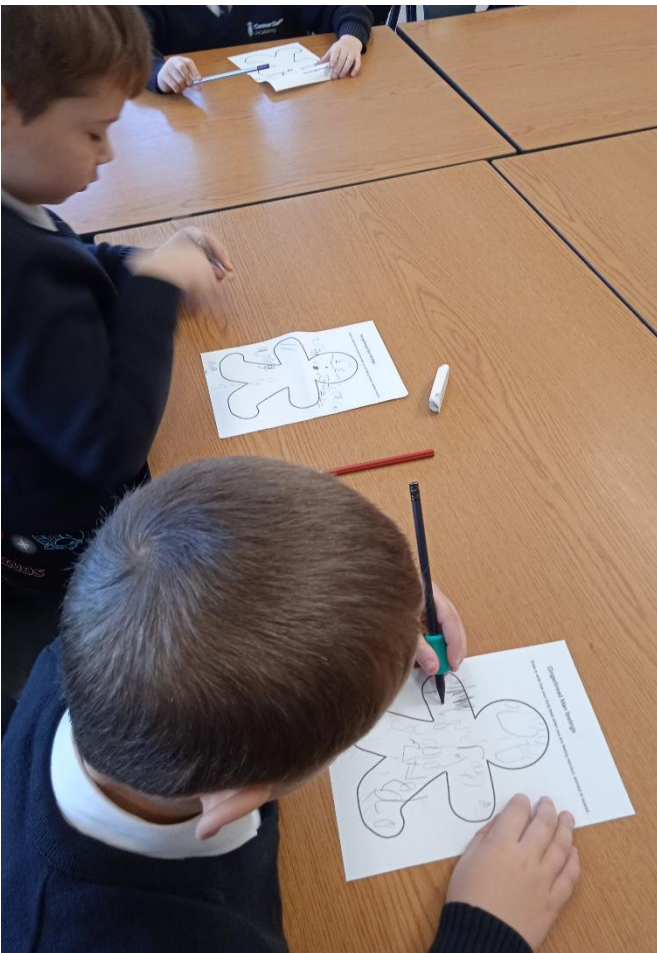
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PSHE

In PSHE this term we have been focusing on keeping safe and rights and respect. We have looked at who can help us, why sleep is important, how to deal with a bad day, how to look after money, we learnt about these topics through games, discussion, stories and written work.



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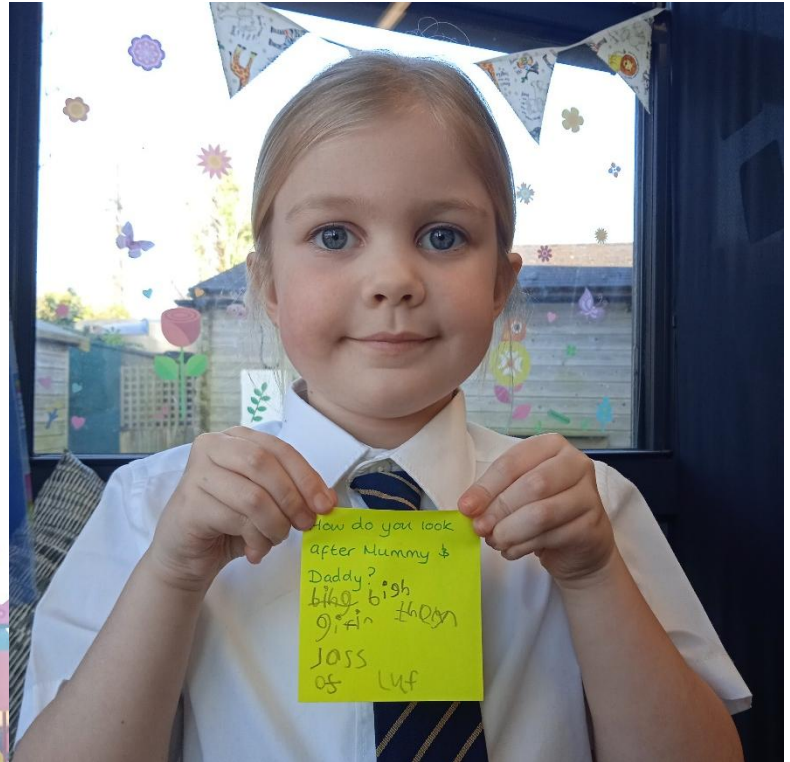
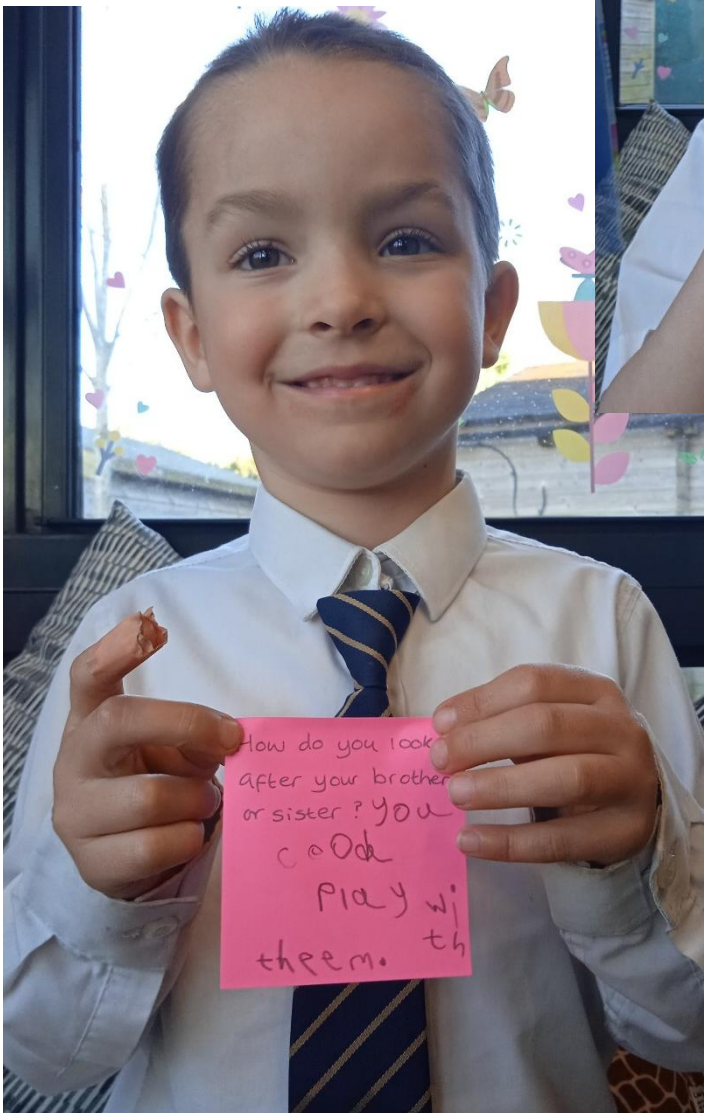




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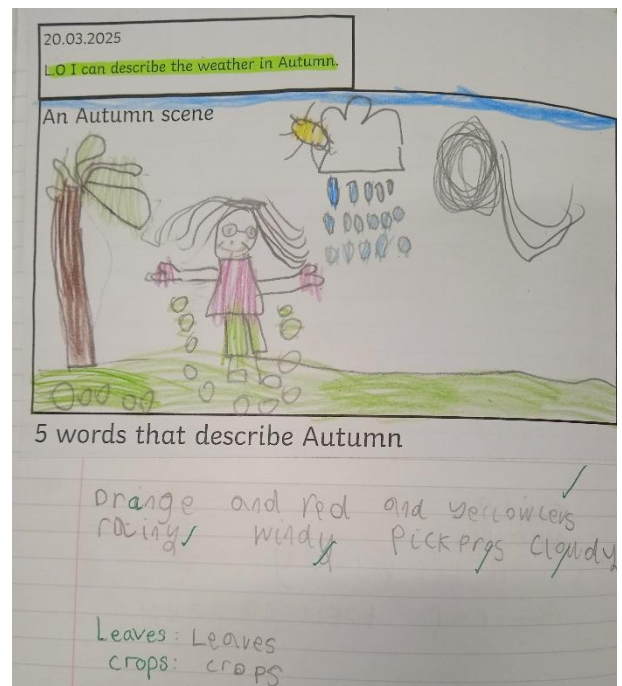
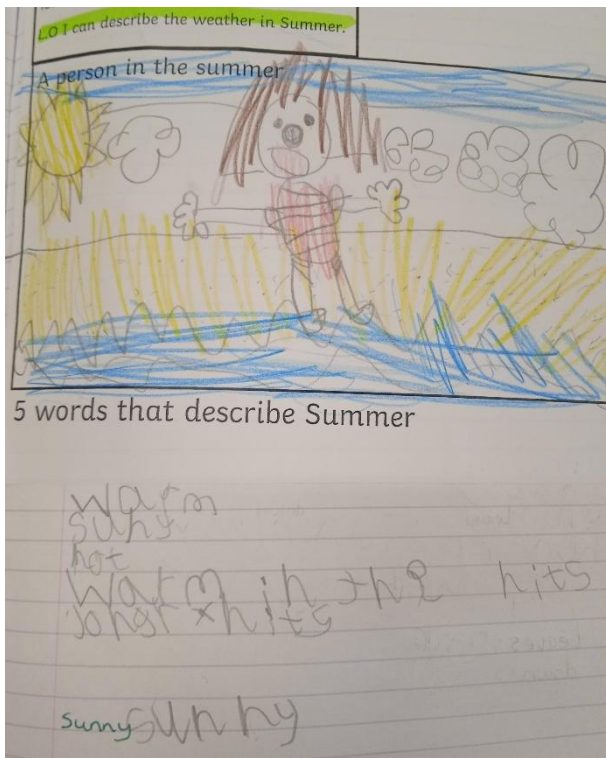
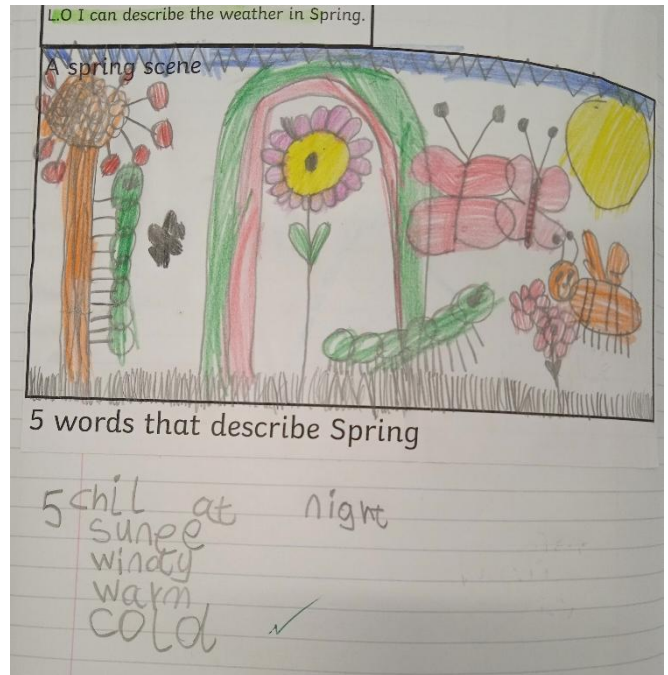
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Geography

In geography this term we have been looking at the four seasons. We know that December, January and February is Winter, March, April and May is Spring, June, July and August is Summer and September, October and November is Autumn. We also looked at the different weather in each season and described it.



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RE

This term in RE we have been looking at Islam, we learnt that Allah is the name for God in Islam. We also learnt about the Prophet Muhammad and why he is special, we looked at The Five Pillars of Islam and Christian and Muslim christenings and weddings. We also learnt about Ramadan, what Muslims do during Ramadan and how they give to charity during Ramadan, as fasting makes them realise what it is like for people less fortunate than themselves.



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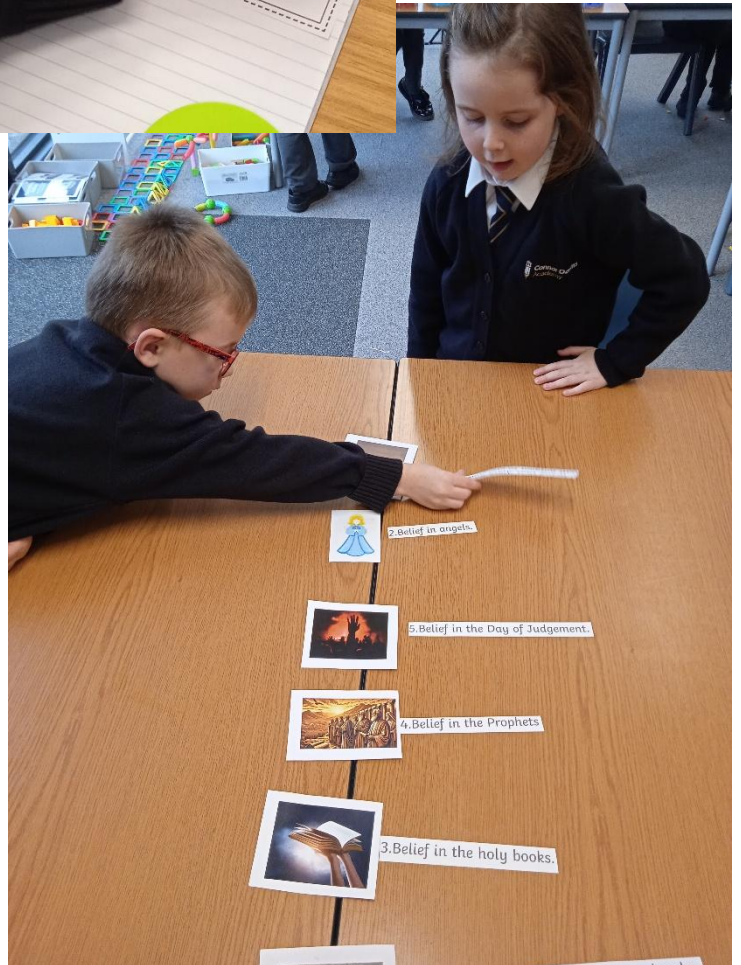
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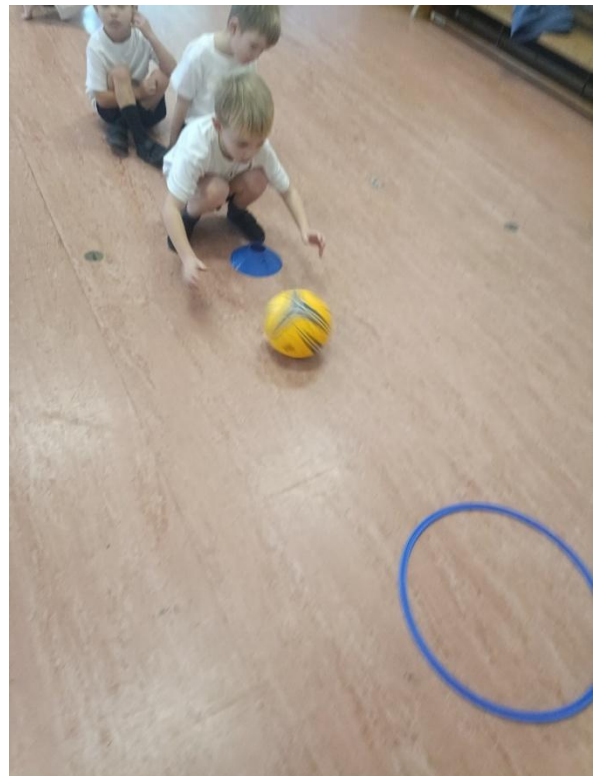


PE

In the first half of the term, the children explored different ways of passing the ball with their hands, understanding why they need to send the ball using different force and speeds, stopping a ball and combining sending and receiving skills.



During the second half of the term, the children focused on dance based on plants growing. They responded to the rhythm and patterns through movement, controlled and coordinated their bodies to perform movements showing the stages of a plant growing.



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Music

In Music this term, the children learned to sing and play the glockenspiel for two songs – 'In The Groove' and 'Round and Round'.

During each music lesson, the children listened to a range of songs and decided whether they liked them or not. They used the interrelated dimensions of music – pulse, rhythm, pitch (high and low sounds) and tempo (speed of the music) - to explain why they did or did not like each piece they listened to.



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Computing



This term in Computing, Year 1 have been learning about programming. At the beginning of the term, the children learned how to control a floor robot. They made the BeeBot move forwards, backwards, turn left and turn right. The children used these commands to predict where the BeeBot would end up and then programmed it to see if they were correct.



During the second half of the term, the children used their programming knowledge to program a sprite on screen using Scratch Junior. The children learned how to join commands together and to change the value of the command rather than using the same button over and over again.



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Provision

Year 1 have enjoyed exploring lots of different provision alongside our formal learning. These opportunities have allowed us to practice different skills we have gained, it has especially provided us with the opportunity to develop our social and communication skills.



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