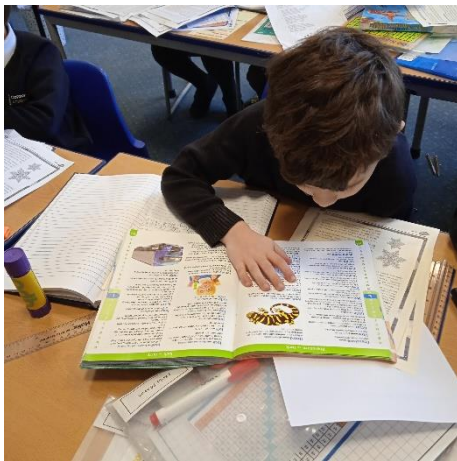


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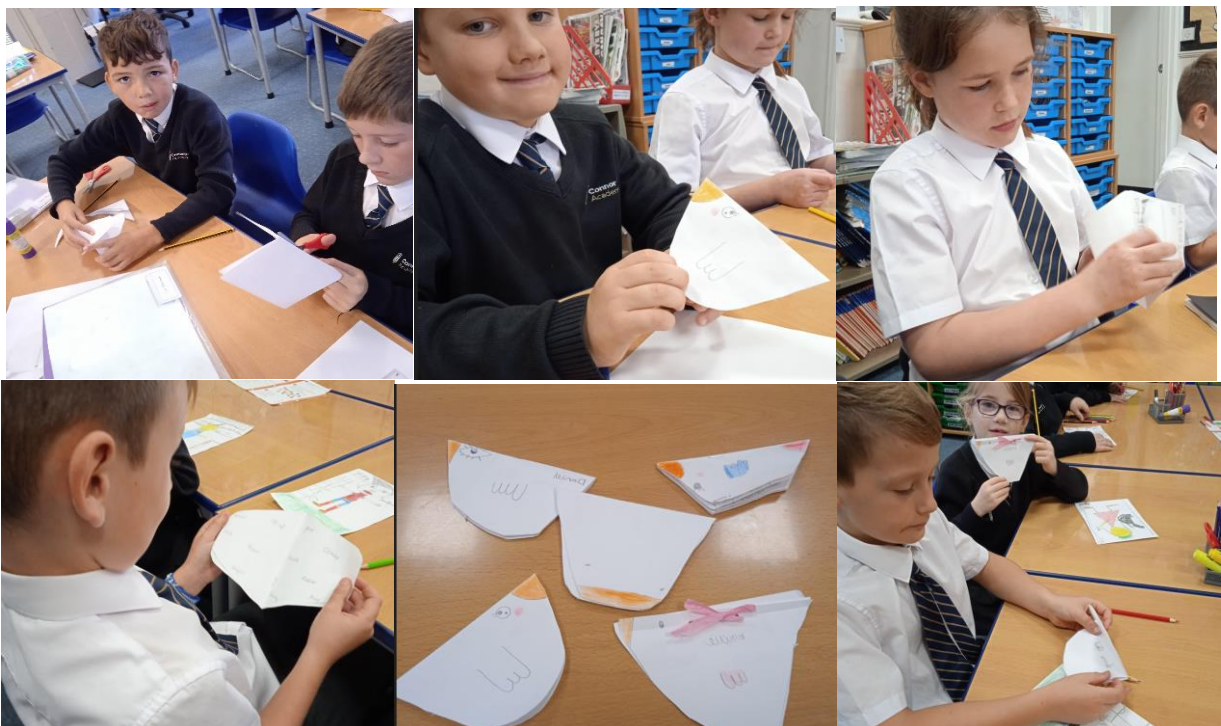
In English this term, Year 3 have really enjoyed listening to their class reading book 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith and also the traditional story of 'Hansel and Gretel' re-written by Anthony Browne.

The children have analysed the grammar of words used by Dick King-Smith, such as adjectives, verbs, preposition and adverbs. The children have learned to write descriptive passages using their own exciting vocabulary.

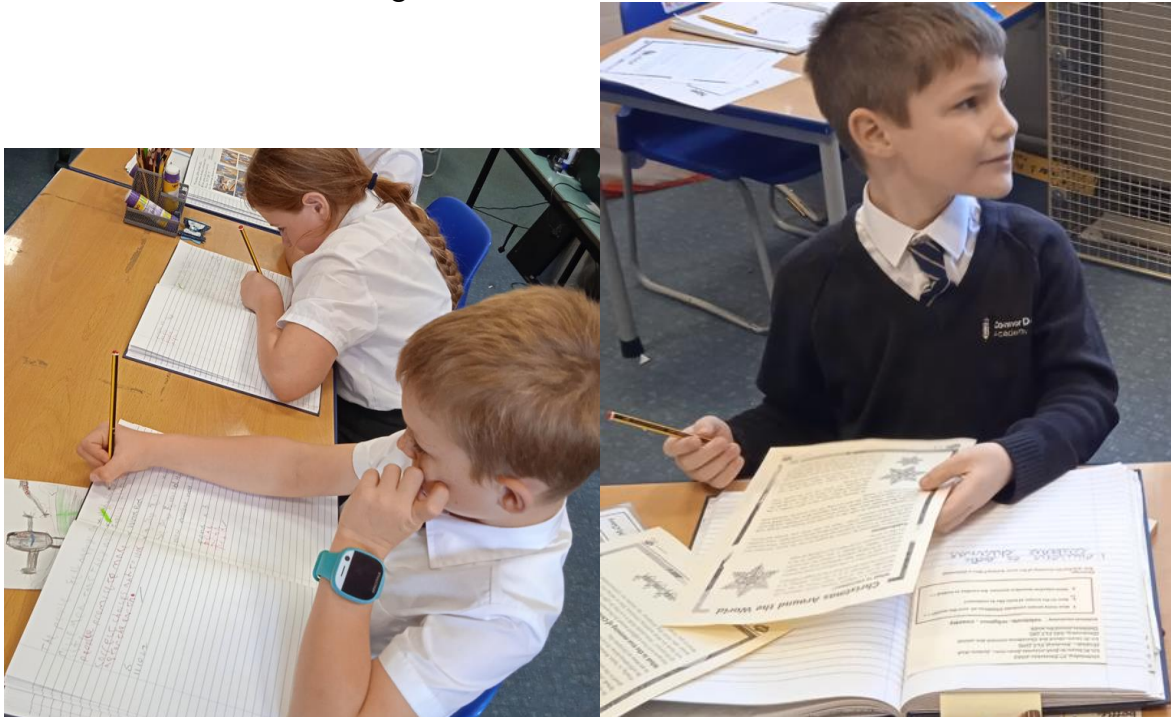
During this term, Year 3 have been learning how to mark and edit their written work. They have used dictionaries to edit spelling and to find the meaning of words and make improvements to their writing.



On National Poetry Day the children enjoyed reading aloud the 'Word Bird' poem by Cornish author; Sally Crabtree. The children loved making word bird books in school to collect exciting new words. It was lovely to see the children collecting words also as part of their homework task. We saw some very creative word bird books in school.



Year 3 class really show enthusiasm for our reading comprehension activities. The class have read and answered questions on a range of texts. It has been great to see the children acquire knowledge and vocabulary across the curriculum learning in science about the pet care of a dog, in history; Stone Age life, Skara Brae village and all about Remembrance and for Religious Education all about Hindu Gods.



Speaking and listening was very successful in the school council elections. It was fantastic to see so many candidates putting themselves forward for election in class. They explained to their peers why they would like to be voted as a school councillor with very thoughtful and mature reasons. Well done to all of the children who took part in the process of speaking and voting.





Maths

Maths begins the learning in year 3, the children are keen to work on Spiral Maths as they arrive in the morning. During Spiral Maths the children revise number facts which really helps them in their main White Rose lesson. Year 3 are always keen to answer questions and share their calculations as we mark the work together.

Following Spiral maths, the children learn their times tables. It is brilliant to see their progress in knowledge, learning both the multiplication and division facts for the 2,5,10 and 4 times tables.



In White Rose maths we have explored using visual images of place value counters, Base 10, and number lines to deepen the children's knowledge before learning how to add ones, tens and hundreds to a 3-digit number.

Later in the term, year 3 learned how to add and subtract using the written column method. The children's skills and knowledge writing numbers in ODOS, (one digit in one square) really helped us to get the correct answers.



In multiplication the children have been revising their knowledge of grouping and sharing to support learning of the 3 ,4 and 8 times tables. They have learned how to use a multiplication square to support their answers. Chanting the tables each day is really making a difference to their recall of facts.

The children show great enthusiasm for learning their times tables online with TT Rock stars and Sumdog .

History

Our history lessons have been very exciting this term. In October, year 3 had a brilliant learning day working with Aspire Outdoor Lead; Mike Turnham. The children learned how life was like as a 'stone age hunter gatherer,' searching the school grounds for food. The children discovered how hard it was for stone age people to find food to feed themselves and their families. In Cultivating Futures, we found blackberries, hawthorn berries, seeds, nuts and nettle leaves. Mike demonstrated how to light a fire before the children tried the flints to strike a flame.



Despite the strong breeze ,we were able to start a fire and boil water to make nettle tea. We cooked fish that would have been eaten in Stone age times , it was delightful to see the children enjoying our stone age feast.



Later in the term, year 3 travelled to Penlee Museum and Gallery to learn more about stone age life .



We began the workshop creating a timeline to enable the children to understand the chronology of the stone age period . Next, the children were able to handle replicas of stone age pots, arrow heads and drinking cups. The class then searched in the museum for real artefacts found in West Cornwall. Finally, the class enjoyed making a copper brooch with a bronze age design.



Geography

Geography brought excitement as the children learned to use atlases to find the different countries of the world. The children were so interested in the atlases they can often be seen reading them in reading for pleasure.

RE

In religious education, year 3 have learned about the Christian creation stories in the old testament. They thought about the actions of Adam and Eve and how they were tempted by the snake. Later the children discussed how the bible stories help Christians live their lives and how to avoid temptation to make the right choice in school. In Hinduism we have also learned about the different Hindu Gods and what each one represents.



Science

In science the class learned about healthy eating and the importance of eating a balanced diet. There was lots of discussion as they completed a healthy eating food pyramid. It is fantastic to hear the children continue to share their knowledge and use vocabulary such as carbohydrate and protein when eating lunch together. Then the children enjoyed finding out about vertebrates, invertebrates and the names of bones in the human skeleton .

Physical Education

PE has been great fun with the class working with Cornwall Pirates, Cheer 'n' Dance team.



Another highlight of the term was learning new skills and taking risks in dance and theatre craft with the teachers at Savvy Dance Studios. The children worked hard and made great progress in each session to perform the final dances.



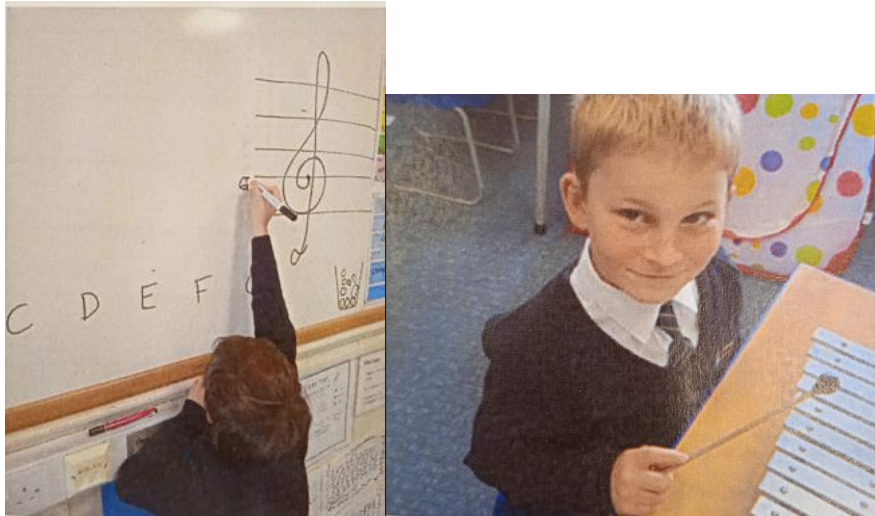


Rock climbing was very popular with the children at Camborne Science Academy. It was amazing to see how they grew in confidence through the day and climb so high.



Music

The children have enjoyed working with Charanga this term to learn about pulse, rhythm and pitch with the song 'Let it Fly' as the theme. Playing the new glockenspiels has been a favourite with the children along with learning to read and understand musical notation such as treble clef and stave.



Art and Design

Drawing has been a focus in art with the class developing their skill in mark making and sketching still life objects while learning about the artist William Morris.



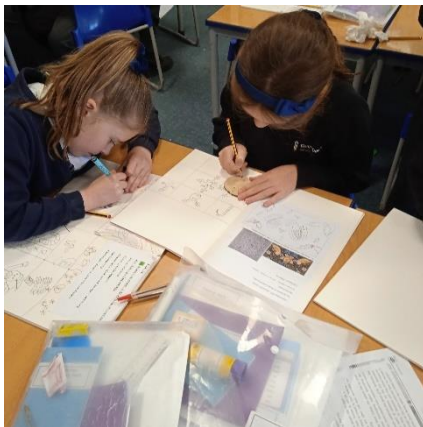
Later, we learnt about the Newlyn School artist; Elizabeth Forbes and studied her painting 'School is Out.' The class used the theme School is out in Connor Downs as a starting point for their watercolour sketches.

There was a gasp of excitement as the children saw the actual paintings of Elizabeth Forbes and the Newlyn School when visiting the Penlee Gallery.

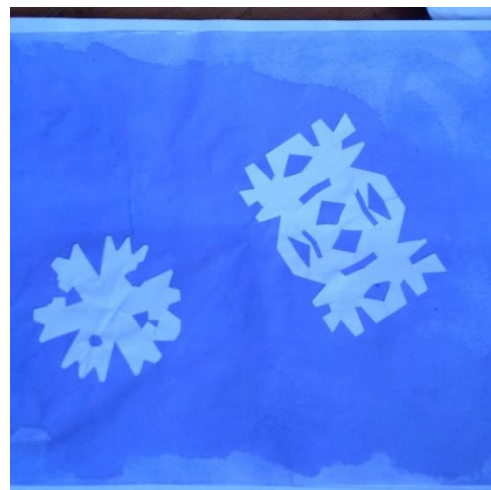


Design Technology

Learning about the British inventors; Alexander Graham Bell and the World Wide Web inventor; Tim Berners-Lee was our focus. Later, our brief was to design a Christmas decoration for the Christmas Fayre. We looked at different examples before designing and making their own wooden slice decoration. The classroom looked delightful with hanging snowflakes and reindeers.



Designing and making for Cauliflower cards was very successful with the children improving their skill in planning and cutting their designs



Computing

The children have used chrome books to access the software program; Book Creator, this has developed their keyboard skills when typing and editing their text.

French

In French, the children have been enjoying Rigolo lessons, listening to a French teacher speak and learning to say greetings such as; 'Hello, how are you?' and of course counting to 10.



PSHE

In Scarf lessons, the children have worked in teams and groups to discuss and work together on the theme of; Me and My relationships. The class have discussed respecting and valuing differences in each other.



