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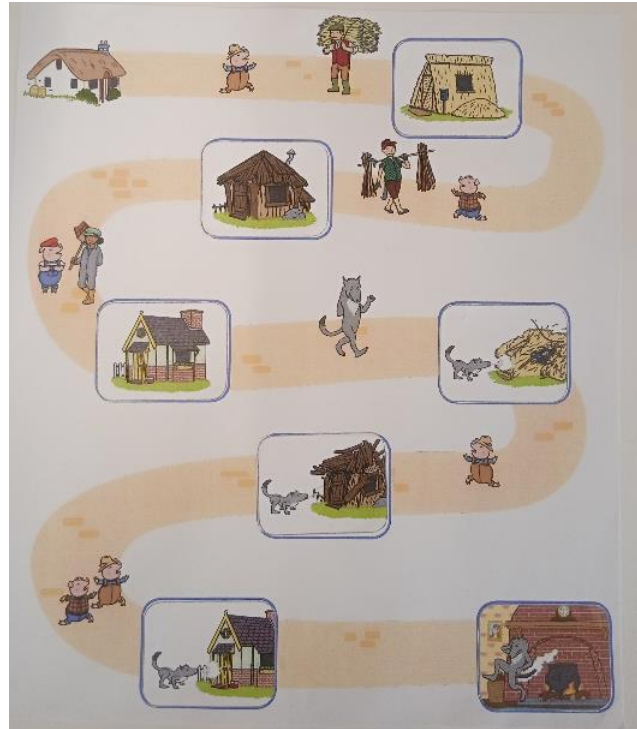
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English

Year 1 have been busy developing our writing skills this term. We started looking at the story of The Three Little Pigs, we sequenced the story, created a story map, wrote the key parts of the story and retold the story. We then looked at people who help us build a house and wrote sentences about all the different workers and the jobs they do.



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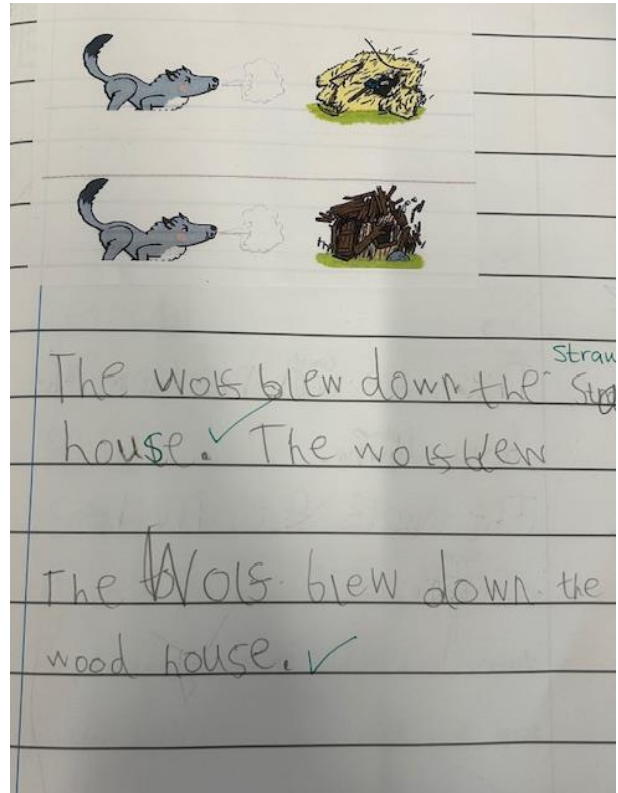
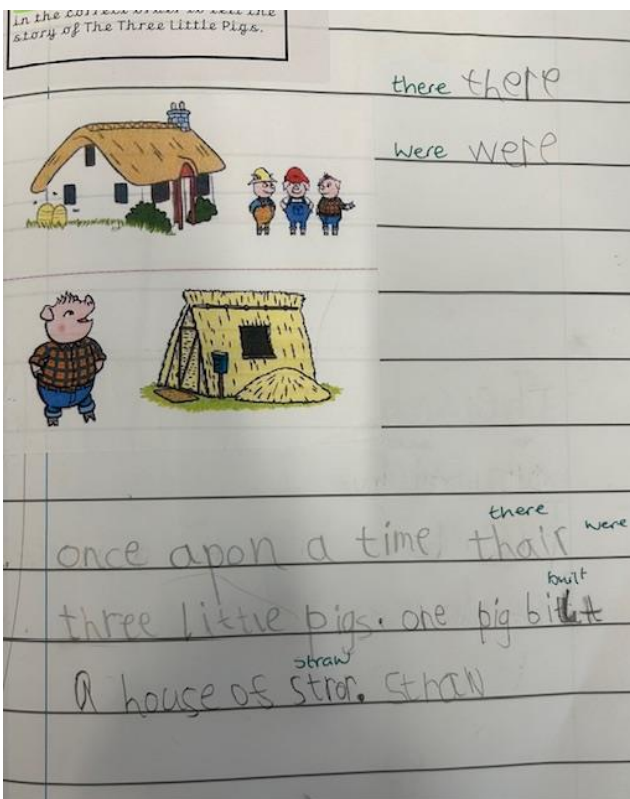
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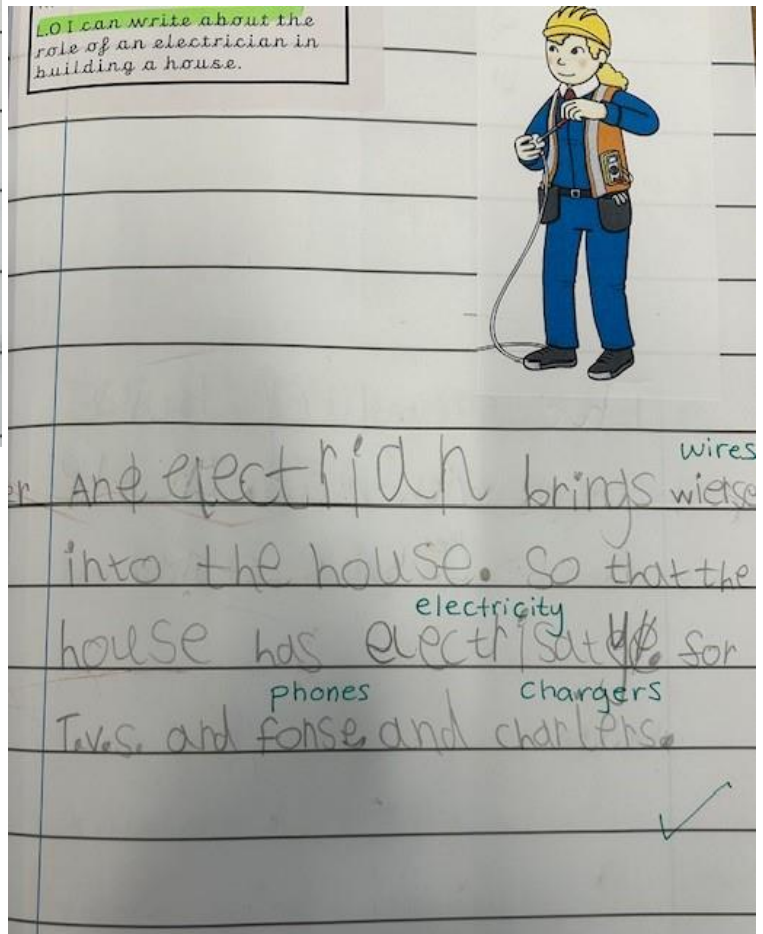
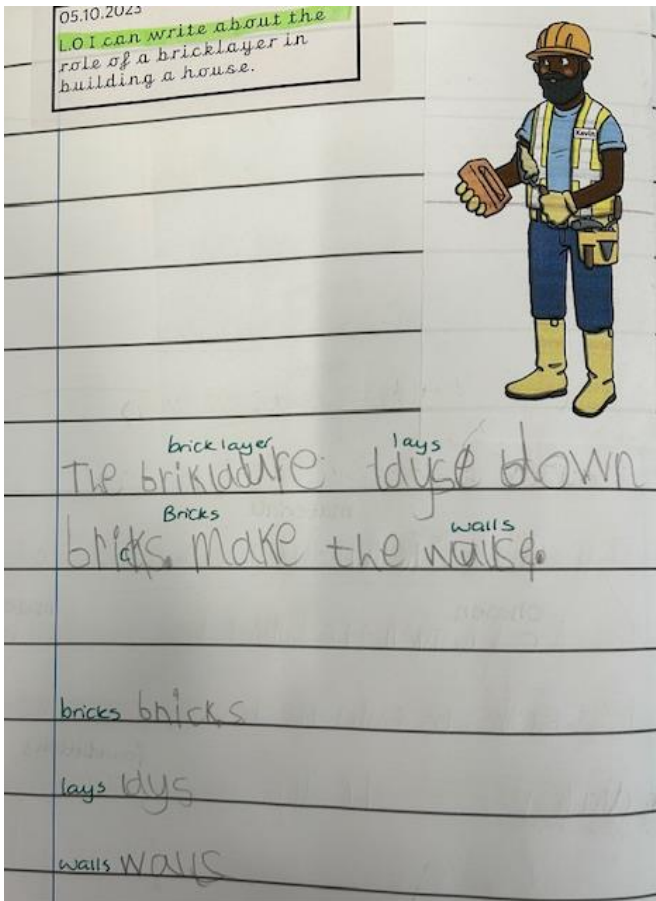
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We have also been looking at writing instructions, we read a recipe for making chocolate crispy cakes, put the recipe in the correct order and then we used our DT skills for cooking and followed the recipe to make the crispy cakes. It was great fun the children's favourite part was decorating the crispy cakes.



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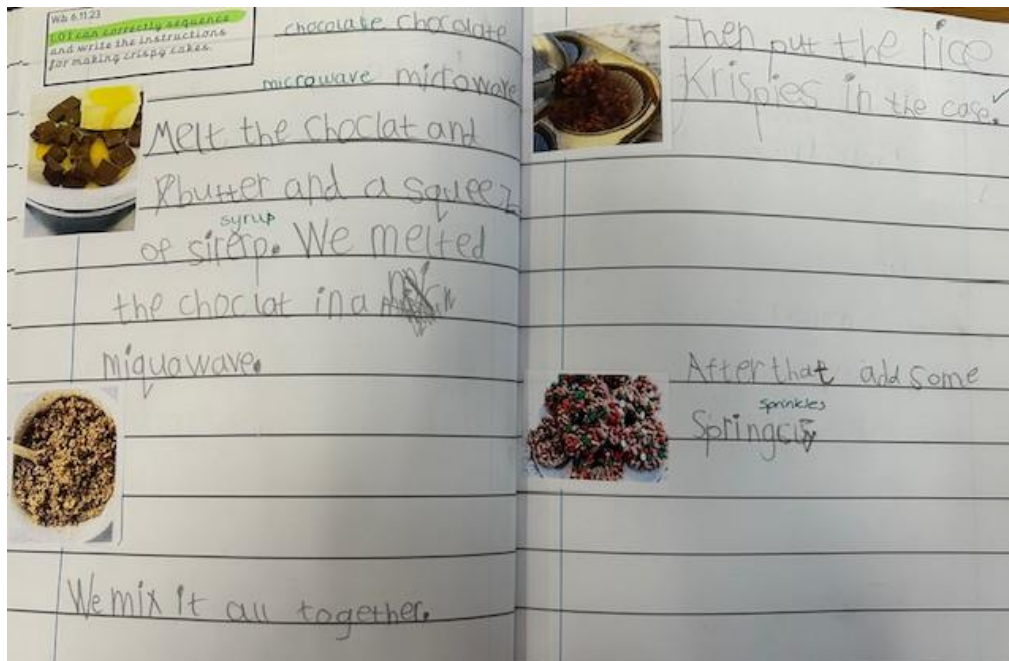
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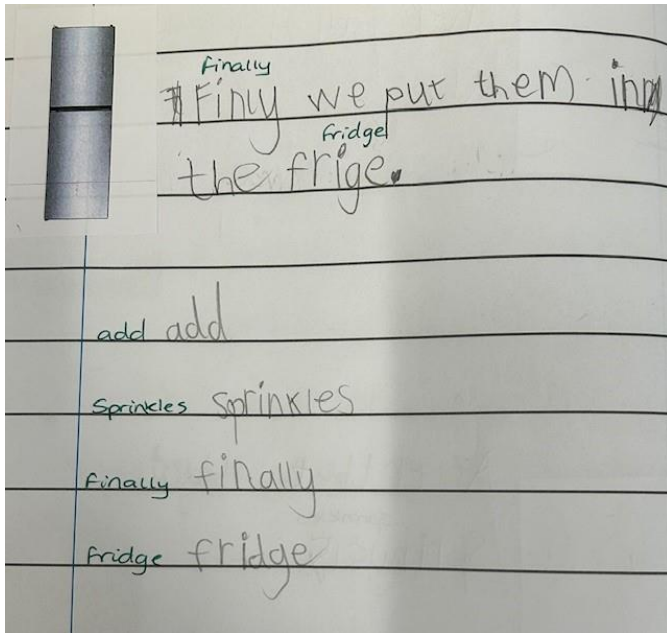
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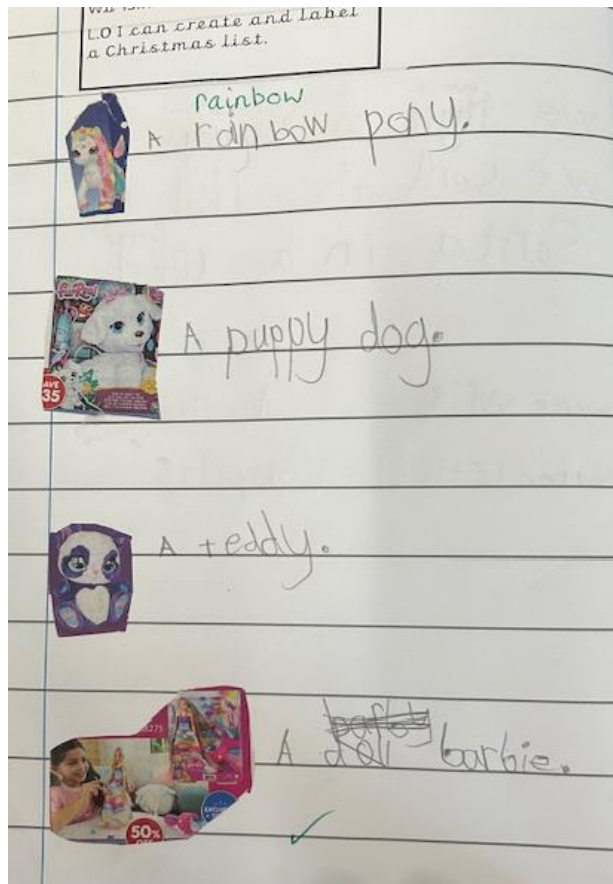
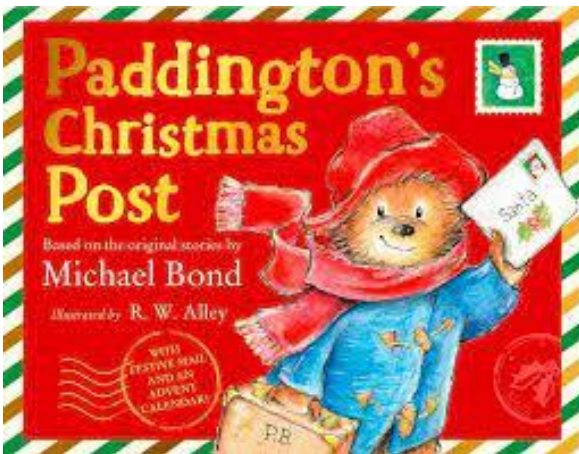
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Year 1 have also been looking at Christmas in English. We started with looking through Christmas toy catalogues, we chose four things we would like, cut them out and stuck them in our books to create a Christmas list that linked with our history topic 'Toys'. We then read the stories The Jolly Christmas Postman and Paddington's Christmas Post, which helped us write our letters to Santa.



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Maths

Year 1 have spent most of this term looking at place value and addition and subtraction with 10. Before half term we focused on number formation every morning and making number bonds to 5 and 10 as part of our spiral maths.

The first area Year 1 have covered in maths is place value within 10, this was done through sorting, counting and representing objects and counting objects from a larger group. Once we were confident with these skills, we moved on to recognising numbers as words, counting forwards and backwards within 10, finding 1 more and 1 less and using a number line. We finally focused on comparing numbers and groups, ordering objects and numbers using fewer, more and the same to describe them and we looked at greater than, less than and equal to.



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For the second half term we have looked at addition and subtraction facts within 10 using part-whole models and our number bonds to help us. We looked at adding or subtracting using a number line, finding a part and using crossing out to help us with subtraction sums. We finally spent some time before Christmas looking at shape, we looked at different 2d and 3d shapes and making patterns with shapes. Some of Year 1 enjoyed some maths on the move sessions with Mr Costello finding lots of different shapes in our outside space at school.



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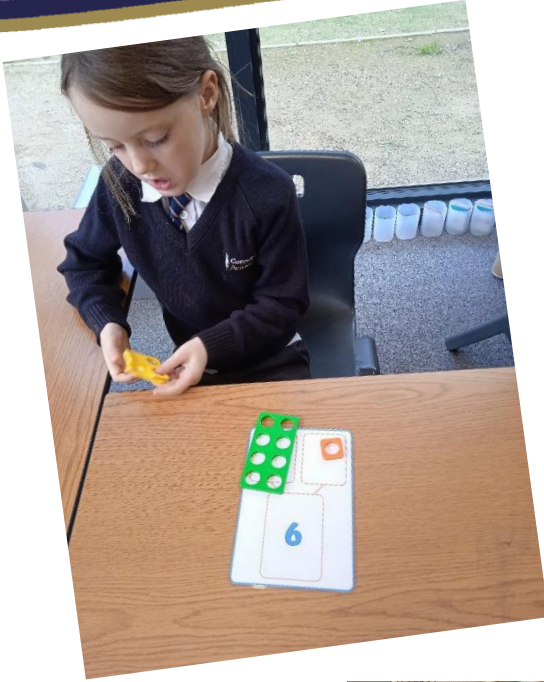
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Science

In science we have had a look at different materials, their properties and matching materials to the correct labels. We have also looked at what materials would be best for certain parts of a house; we decided glass is best for the windows because it is waterproof and we can see through it. We have also looked at seasonal changes, we named the different seasons, focused on the changes that occur and looked at how animals and humans adapt to the different seasons.



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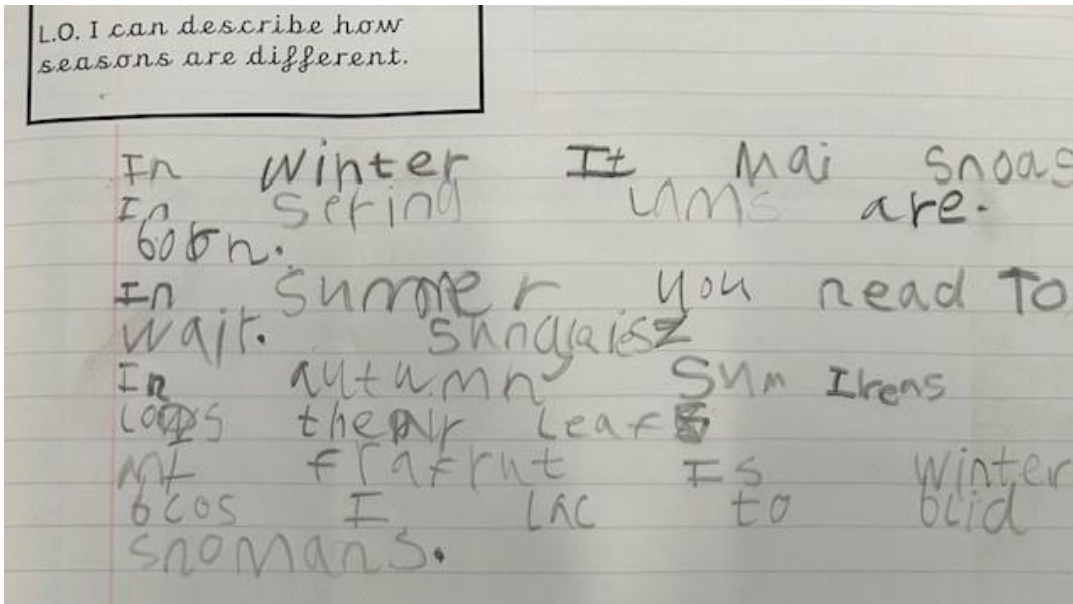
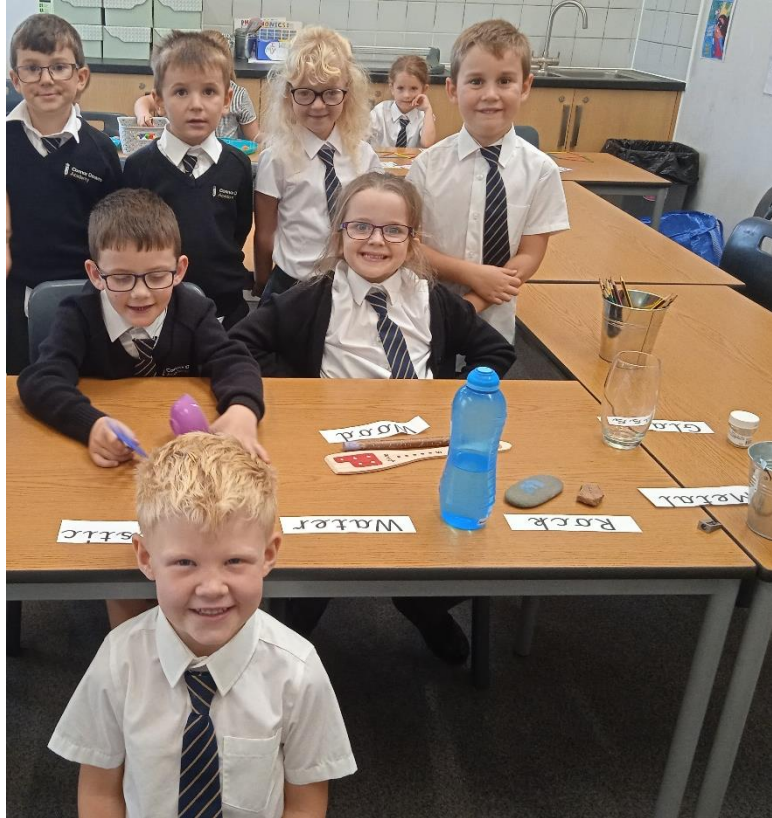
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	In winter the robin eats seeds from a bird table.
	In spring the male robin sings to find a mate.
	In summer the robin feeds its chicks.
	In autumn the robin lives on its own.

<p>Winter</p> 
<p>Summer</p> 

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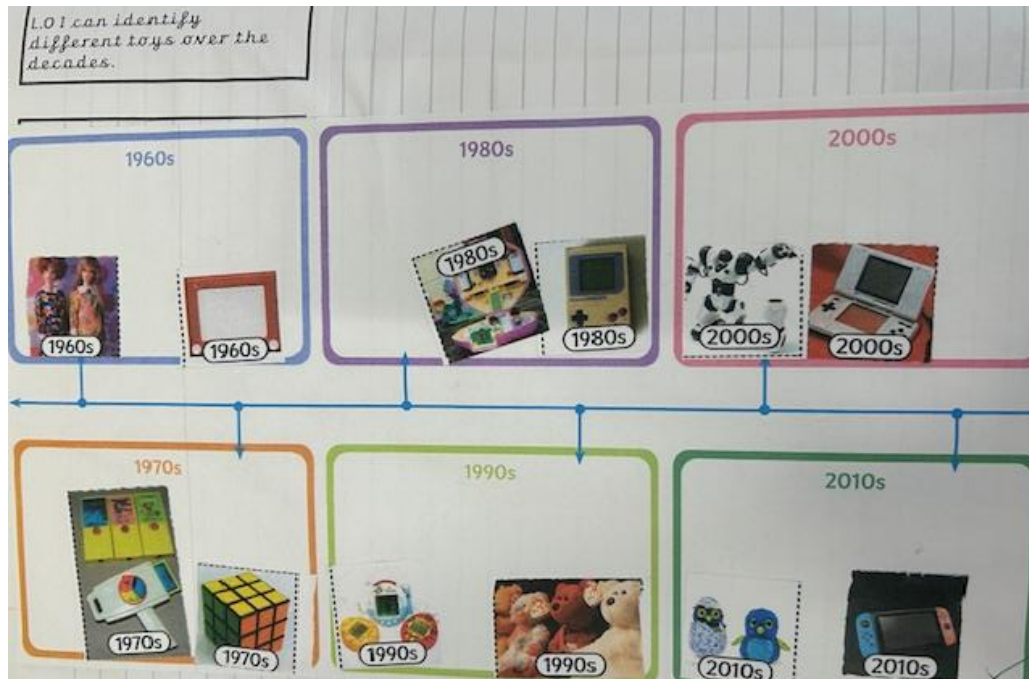
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History

In history we have been looking at toys past and present. We have compared toys from the past and present, spoke about our favourite toys and looked at different toys over the decades. As part of our history topic we had a trip to Penlee House and Museum and took part in an old toys workshop.





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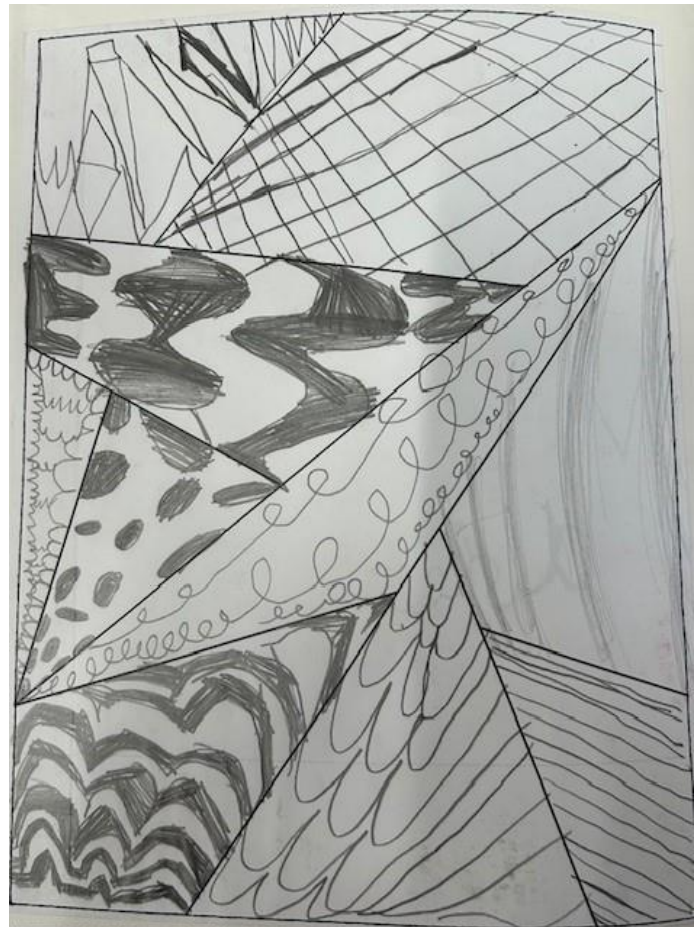
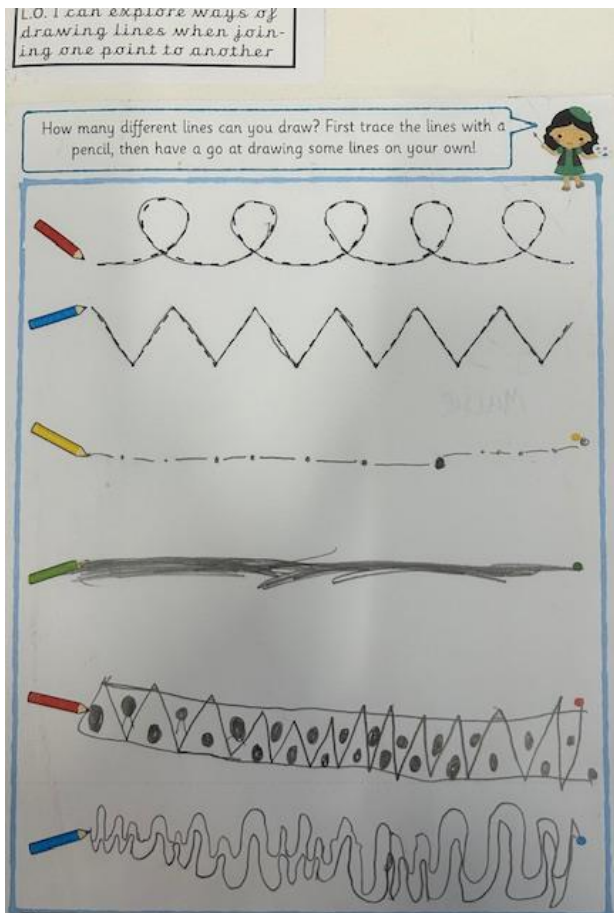
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Art and Design Technology

This term in art we have looked at how to use a paint brush correctly and how to create different paint strokes and patterns when using pencils and water colours. We have also used the story 'The Dot' in our art lessons to help us understand that anyone can be an artist. Year 1 have really enjoyed the freedom to be creative with our patterns and paint strokes and created some amazing artwork. We also looked at Terry Frost's art in the gallery at Penlee Museum.



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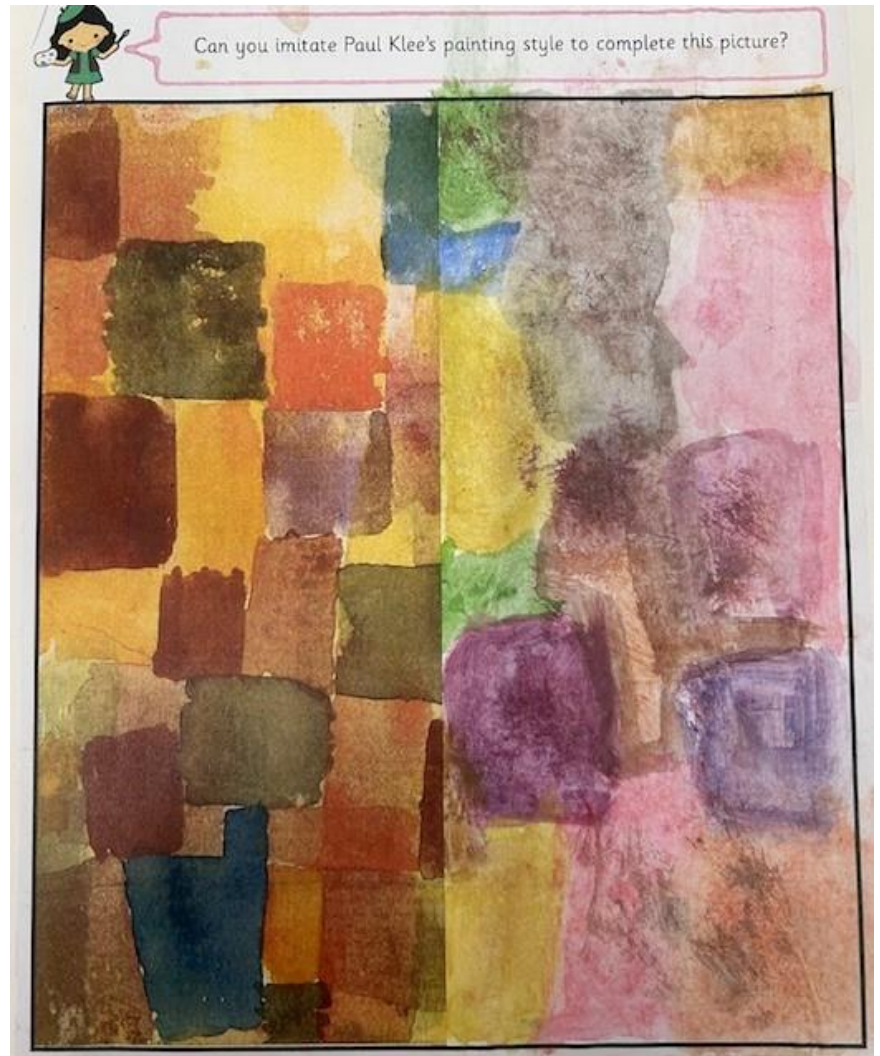
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In DT we have spent time looking at food, in particular fruit, we designed our own fruit kebabs. We then had a special visit from a chef who came in and helped us to use our cutting skills to create our own kebabs. Our favourite part was making the kebabs look colourful and trying all the different fruits. We also used our DT cooking skills in English to follow instructions and create chocolate crispy cakes.



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Music



In music this term we have enjoyed exploring different old-school hip-hop music, finding the pulse, responding to different rhythms and learning the song 'Hey You' as part of our Charanga music topics. We listened to 6 different songs explaining whether or not we liked the piece of music, we then listed



all the different instruments we could hear, the style of music and how it had been put together. We have also been really busy leading up to Christmas learning all the songs for our nativity play 'A Twinkly Nativity'.



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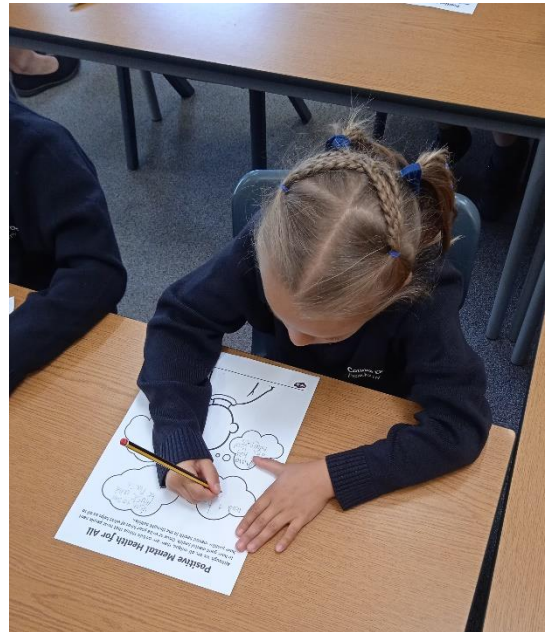
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PSHE

This term in PSHE we have studied the SCARF units 'Me and my relationships' and 'Valuing difference'. We have looked at classroom rules, listening, exploring feelings, what makes good friends, how we are the same and different, being unkind, teasing or bullying, who are our special people and we have made special people balloons.



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PE

In PE this term we were really lucky to have some Disney football coaching sessions leading up to October half term. The second half term we used our jumping skills in gymnastics, we looked at travelling narrow and wide and jumping from different heights.



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Geography

In geography this term we have looked at where we live. We started by looking at a map of the World and naming the different continents and oceans. We then looked at a map of the United Kingdom and labelled the four different countries and their capital cities. After that we focused on the four different countries that make the UK and the flowers, animals and saints that are important for each country. We finally looked at the local area where we live describing and drawing what it is like.


L.O. I can identify features and characteristics of the countries of the UK.

Can you complete the information for each of the countries of the United Kingdom?

<p>England</p>  <p>Flower: <u>rose</u> <small>lion</small></p> <p>Animal: <u>lion</u></p> <p>Saint: <u>St George</u> <small>St George</small></p>	<p>Scotland</p>  <p>Flower: <u>thistle</u> <small>unicorn</small></p> <p>Animal: <u>unicorn</u></p> <p>Saint: <u>St Andrew</u></p>
<p>Northern Ireland</p>  <p>Flower: <u>shamrock</u></p> <p>Animal: <u>none</u> <small>sheep</small></p> <p>Saint: <u>St Patrick</u></p>	<p>Wales</p>  <p>Flower: <u>daffodil</u></p> <p>Animal: <u>dragon</u></p> <p>Saint: <u>St David</u></p>

L.O. I can identify the countries and capital cities of the UK.

Use the words in the word box to label the countries and capital cities of the UK. The stars show where the capital cities are.



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L.O. I can explore the town I live in.

What is your local area like? Look at a map then choose the best word to complete these sentences.

The place I live in is called Hayle & Hayle.

The place I live in is busy.

very quite busy quiet

There are some buildings where I live.

some lots of a few big

There are some fields where I live.

no a few some lots of

There are some busy roads where I live.

no a few some lots of



RE

This term in RE we have been looking at Christianity. We looked at the story of Creation and sequenced it. We have also looked at what Christians believe, who is God, what is the bible and wrote our own set of rules. We also looked at what prayer is, the story of Christmas and why Christians celebrate it.

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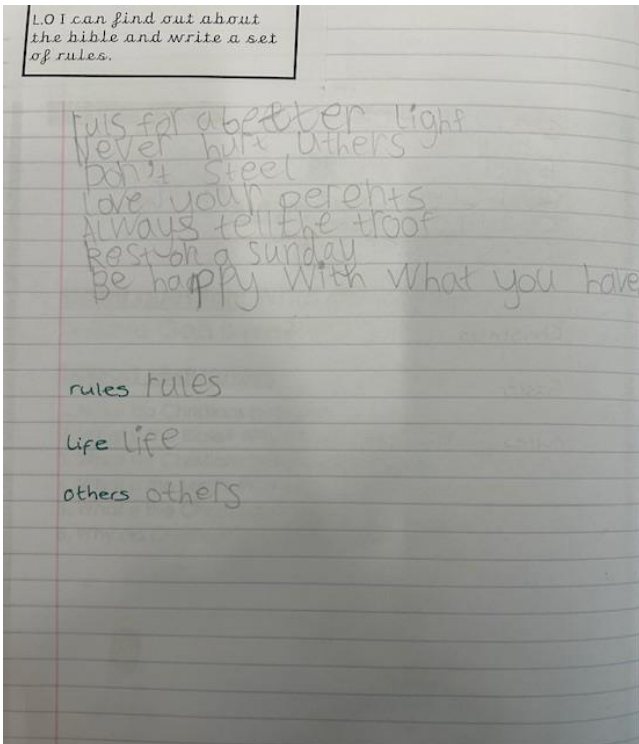
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In computing Year 1 have been looking at creating digital pictures on the Chromebook using a drawing program. We looked at the shape and line tool and made choices for our own picture.



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