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## Year 1

# Spring Term 2023

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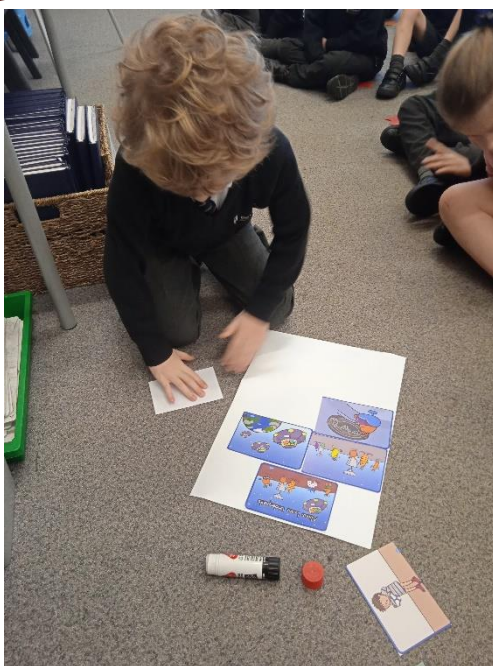
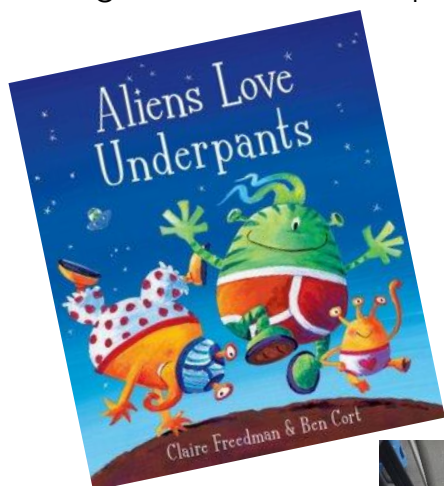
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## English – Phonics and Writing

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, writing a wanted poster for an alien, creating our own alien and writing a character description for our alien.



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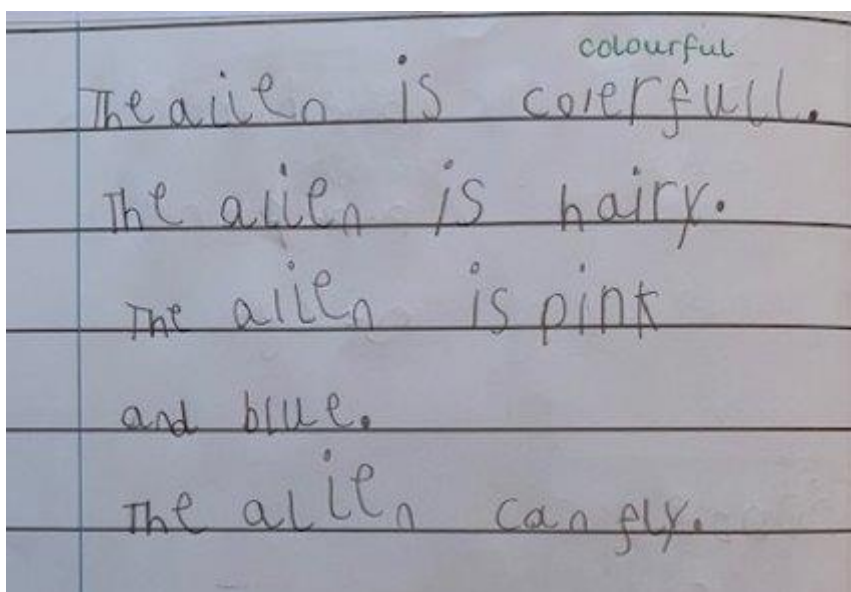
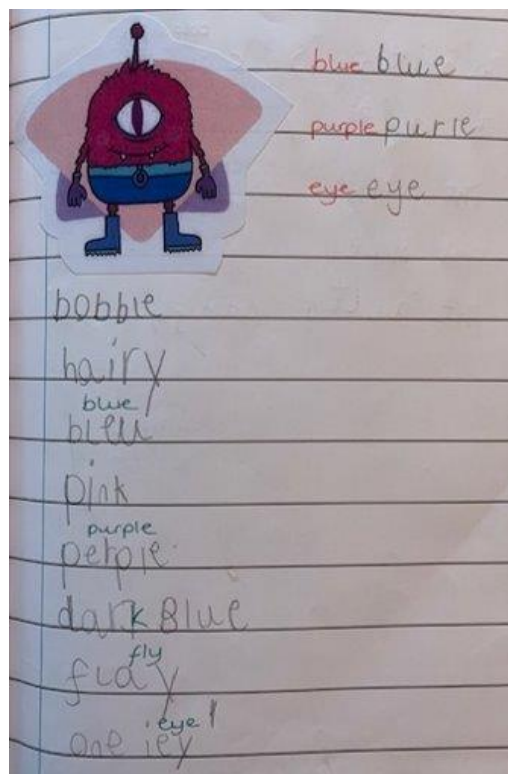
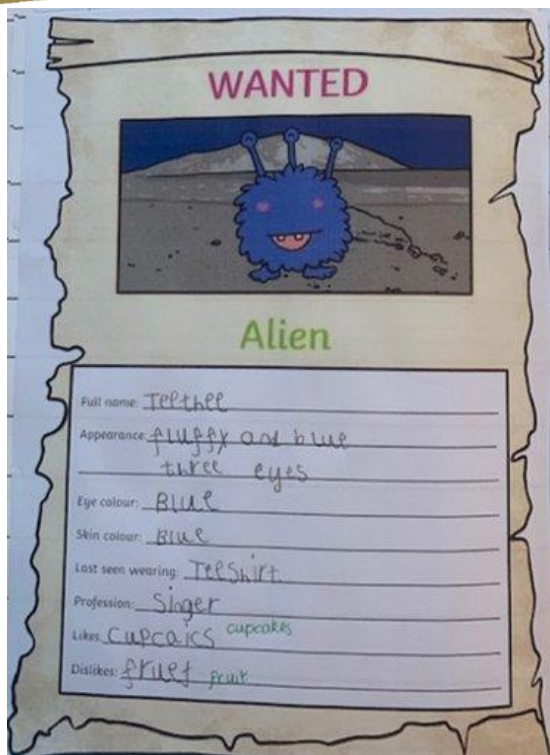
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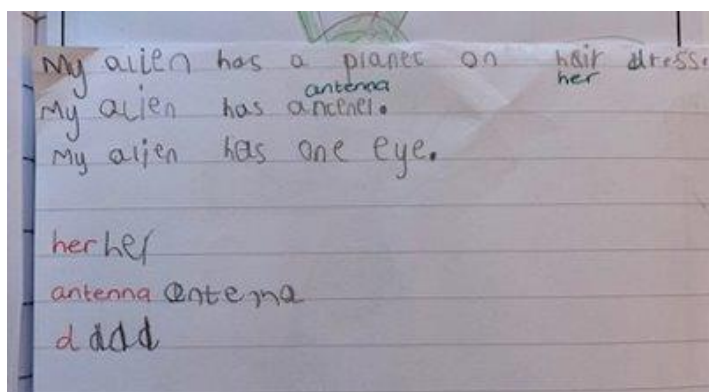




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My favorite part of the story is the first part when they go to people gardens.  
Fantastic writing.



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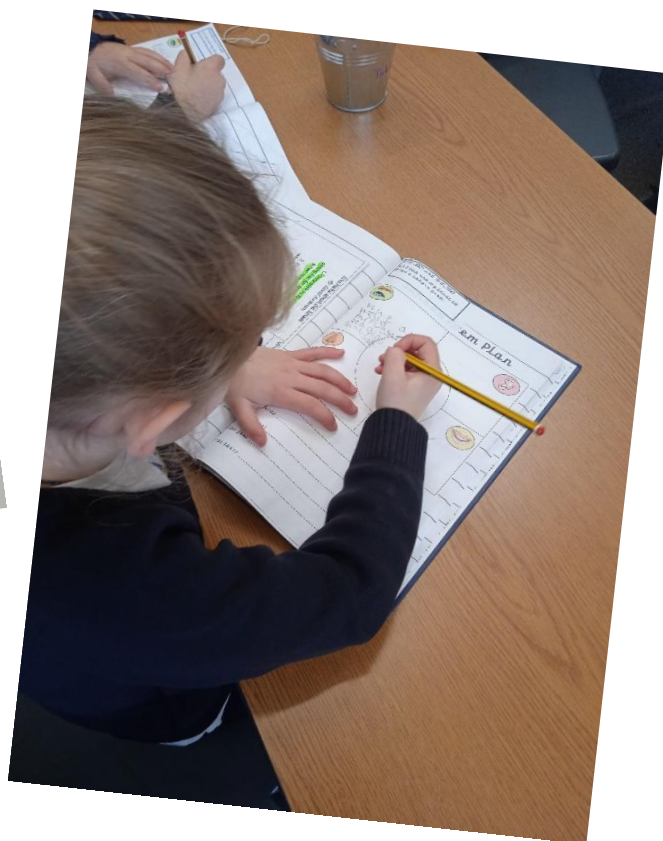
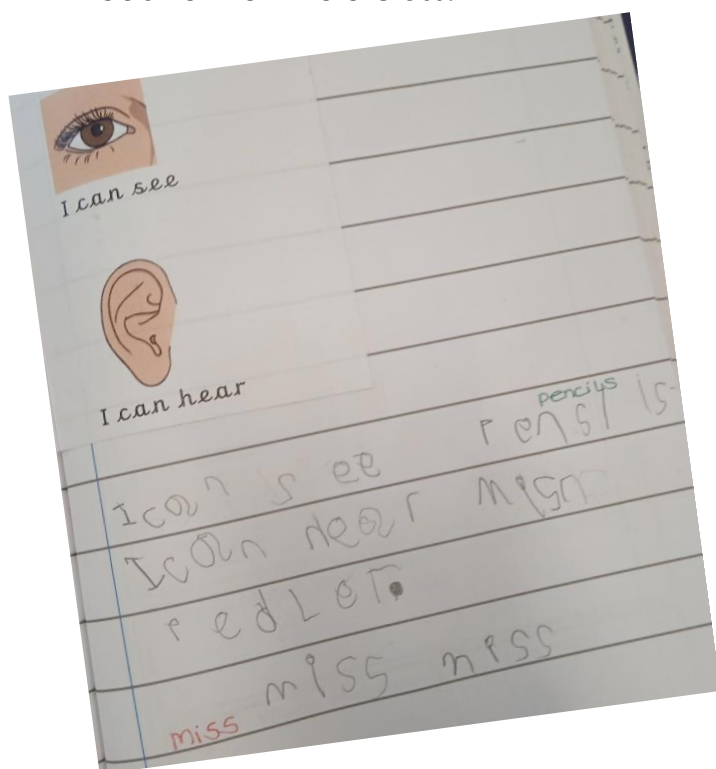
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Year 1 have also been studying our senses as part of our poetry focus linking to our science and geography 'The Four Seasons and Seasonal Changes', we have been looking at all the different things we can see, hear, smell, touch and taste. We completed a senses trail around school, wrote lots of sentences about what we found and then read our favourite sentences out loud to the whole class.



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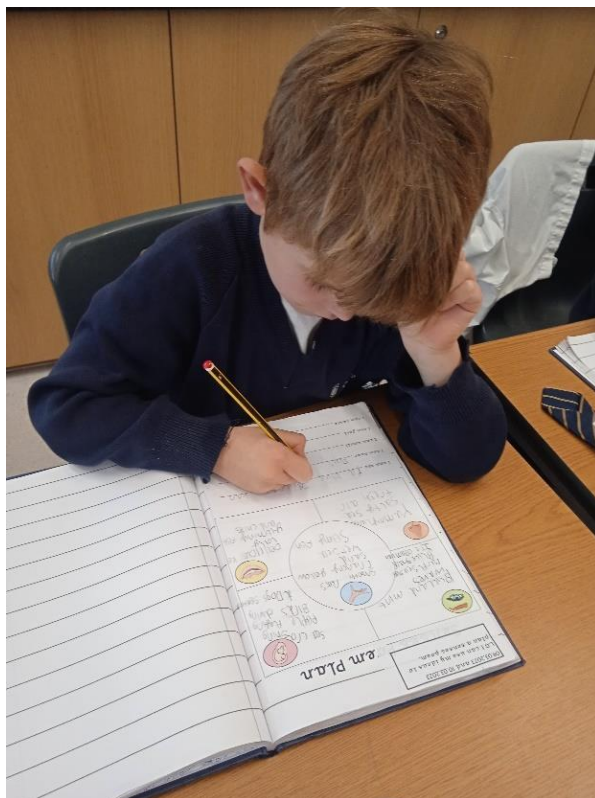
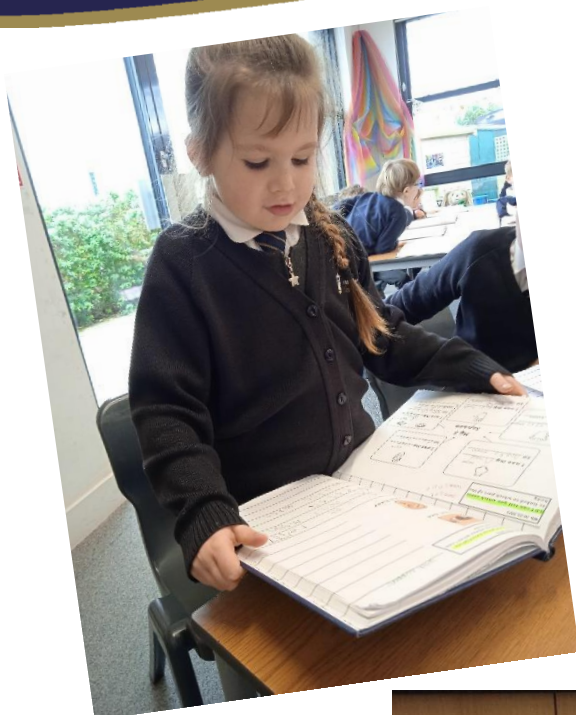




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We then had our class trip to Trengwainton Gardens and completed a senses trail on our trip. The information we gained from our trip was then used to help us create our own senses poems.



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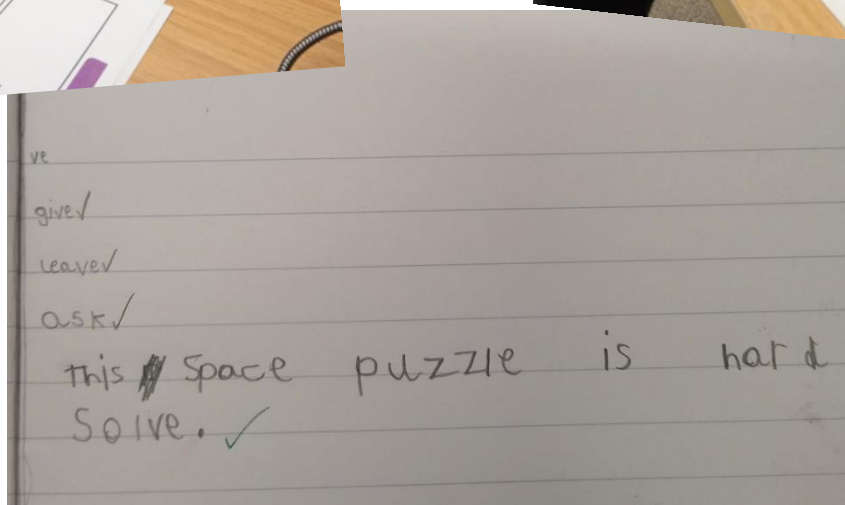
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Year 1 have been super busy in phonics learning all of our phase 5 sounds, using our sounding out and blending skills to write words with the daily focus sounds in and then challenged every day to recall the sentence with focus sounds and words in. We have also been concentrating on reading real and nonsense words in preparation for our phonics screening test.



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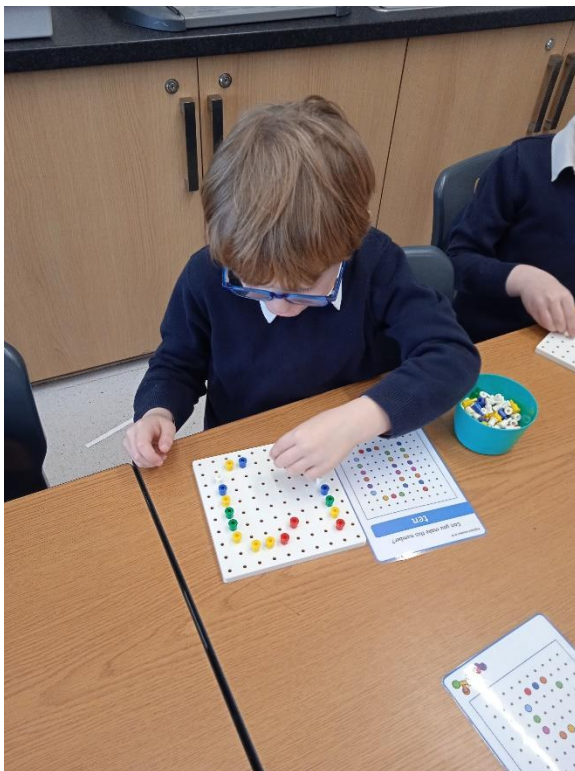
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## Maths

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 recapping our number bonds to 10, we then moved on to looking at addition, we started by looking at adding by counting on, then adding using our number bonds and then adding by making 10. After this we then looked at subtraction, we started by looking at counting back, we then moved on to crossing 10, finally we looked at our reasoning skills for addition and subtraction, comparing number sentences. We used lots of different resources to help us with our addition and subtraction, we used counters, ten frames, number lines, cubes and numicon.



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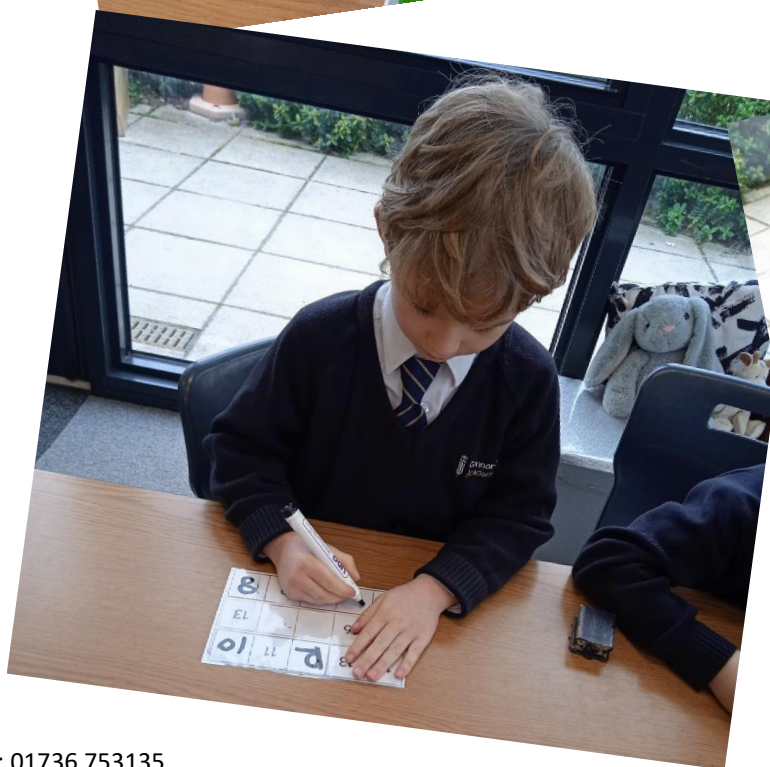
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We then focused on length and height, year 1 really enjoyed this topic as we looked at lots of different ways to measure things. We firstly looked at ordering objects from longest to shortest, we then focused on different heights in the class and ordered our friends from tallest to shortest. We then used non-uniform measures, we chose cubes, to measure different objects in our classroom.



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We then moved on to looking at numbers to 50, counting forwards and backwards and making different numbers using tens and ones. We also focused on one more and one less of a given number to 50 and finally the children were challenged to make numbers within 50 in as many different ways as possible, for the challenge they used base 10, numicon, tens frames and counters and part, part, whole models. We have also enjoyed testing out our subitising, number bond and addition and subtraction skills using the White Rose 1 minute maths app on the ipads.



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## Science

In science we have had a look at plants and what they need to grow, all children were able to say that plants need water, light, soil and the right temperature to grow. Looking at plants continued in outdoor learning as they all looked at fruit and vegetables and labelling the different parts, they also planted seeds and colourful plants in our outdoor area.



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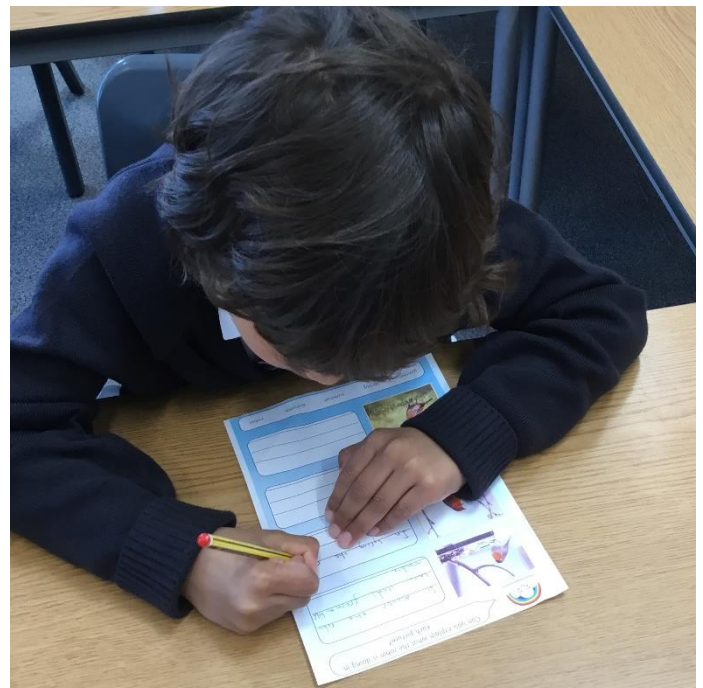
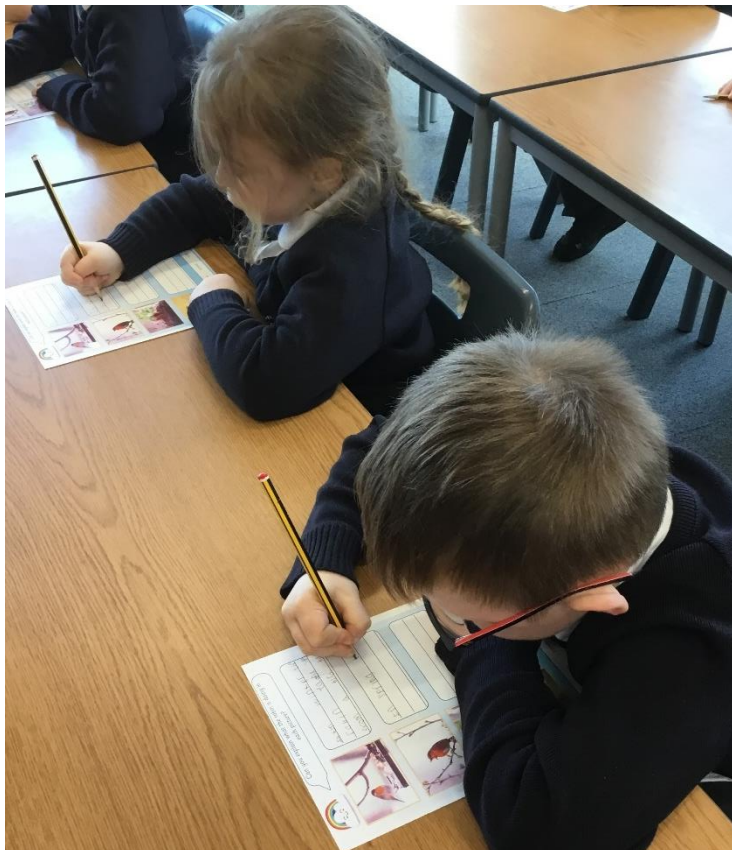
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As part of our topic 'Seasonal Changes' in science we looked at the different seasons and how these affect animals and humans and how the length of the day is different during different seasons.



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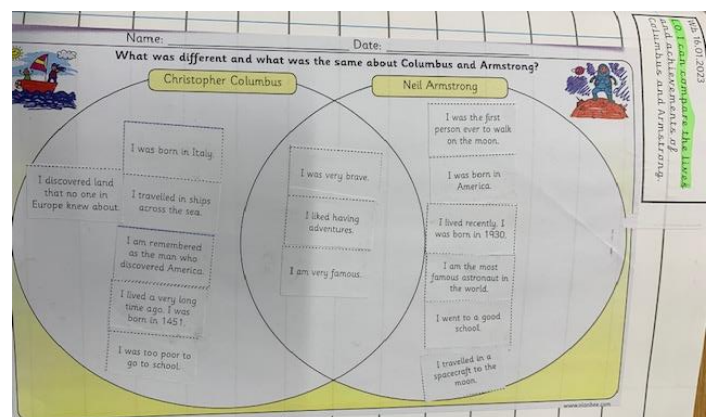
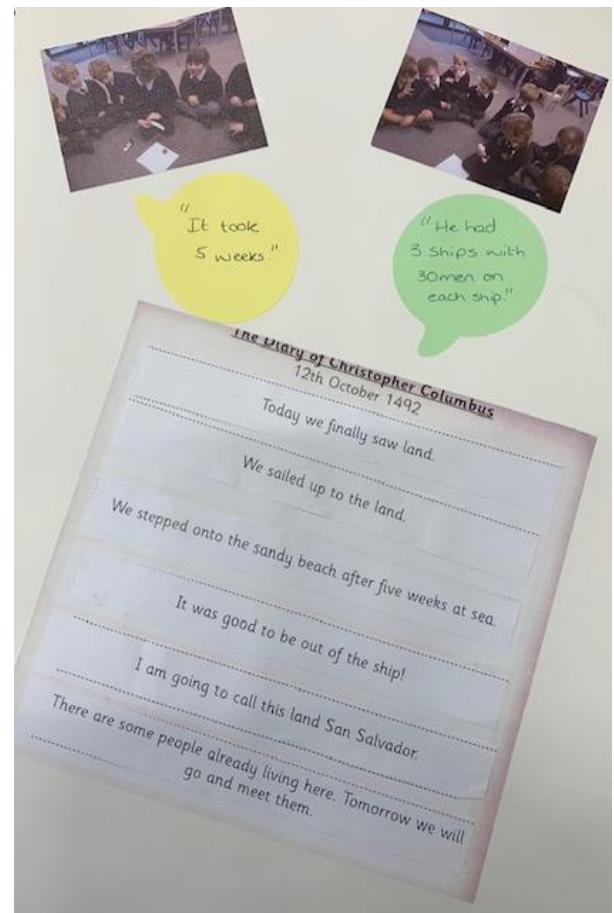
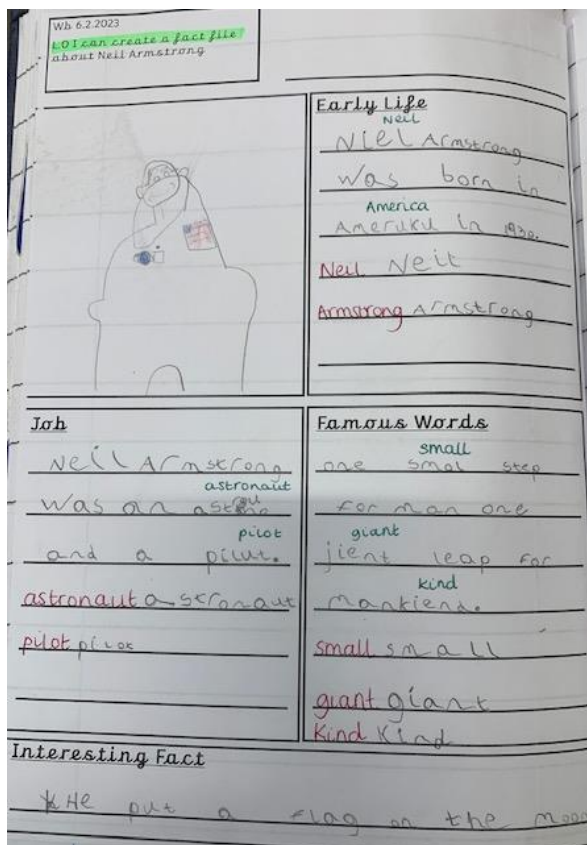
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## History

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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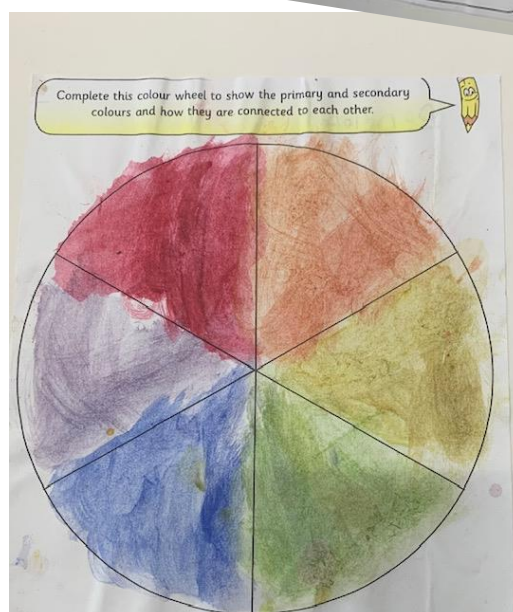
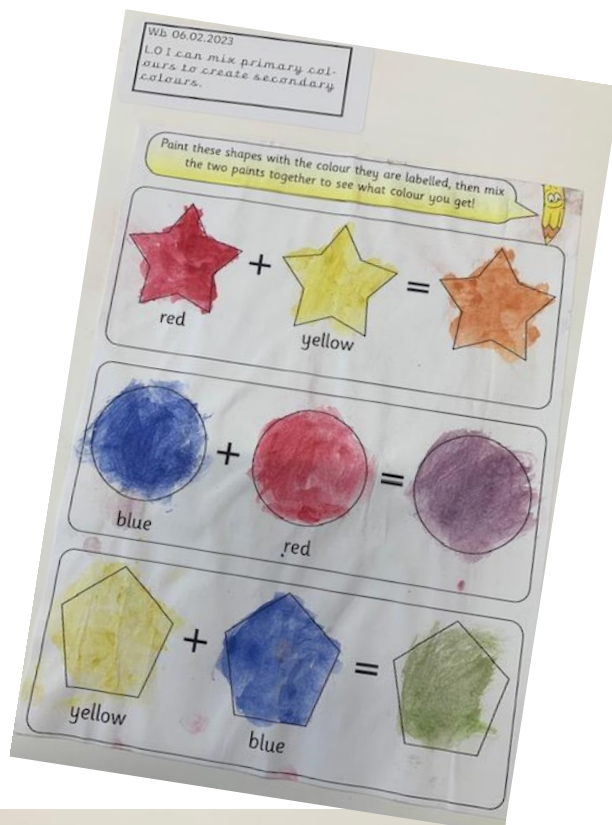
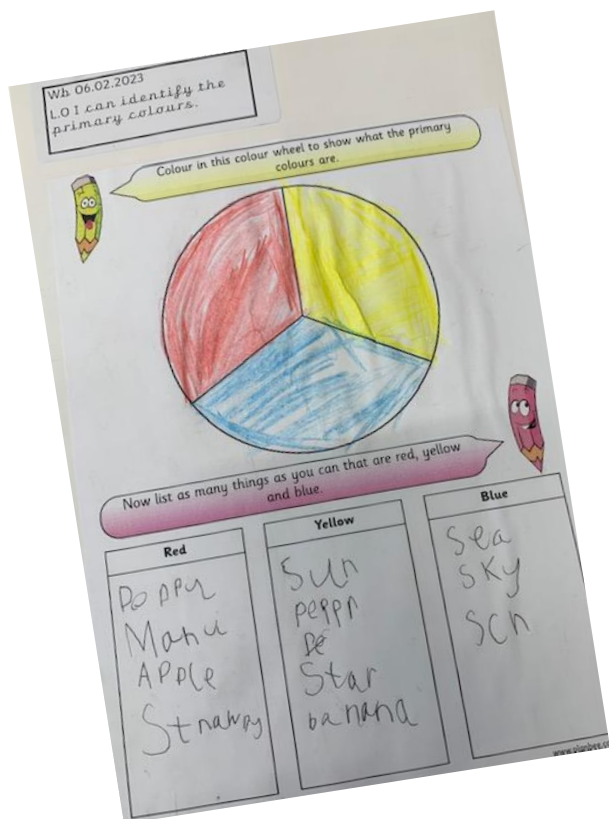
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## Art and Design

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 moving minibeast pictures.



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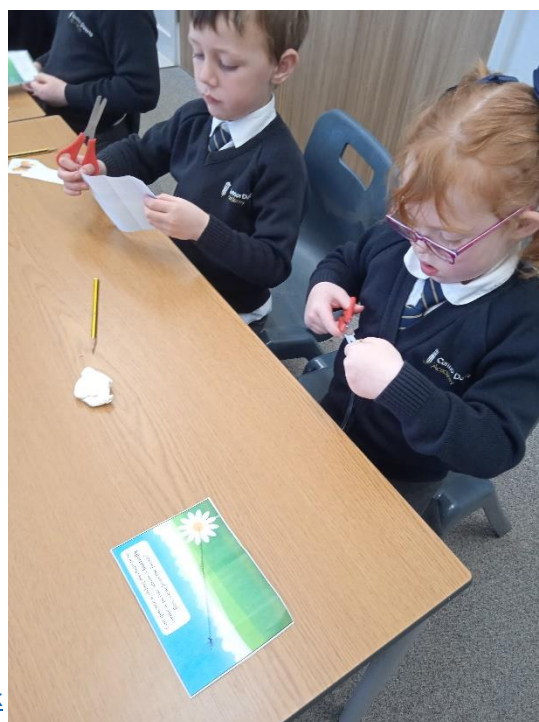
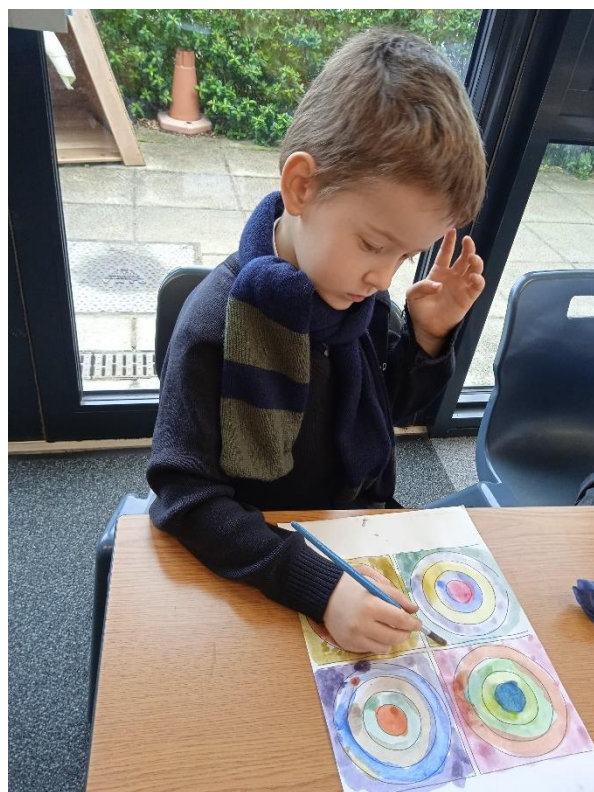




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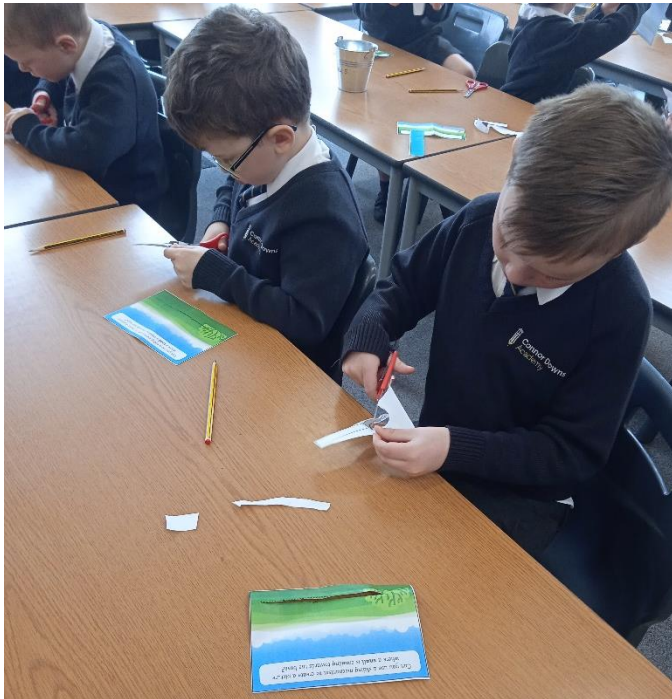
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## Music

In music this term we have learnt the song 'Round and Round'. We listened to six different pieces of music and appraised them, identifying different instruments and styles of music. Once we appraised the songs, we felt the pulse and rhythm in many different ways for the song 'Round and Round'. Finally we progressed to learning part of the tune on the glockenspiels, which was great fun.



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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 and how to look after money. We have learnt about these topics through games, discussion, stories and written work. As part of Children's Mental Health Week we all wore a scarf to school for the day.



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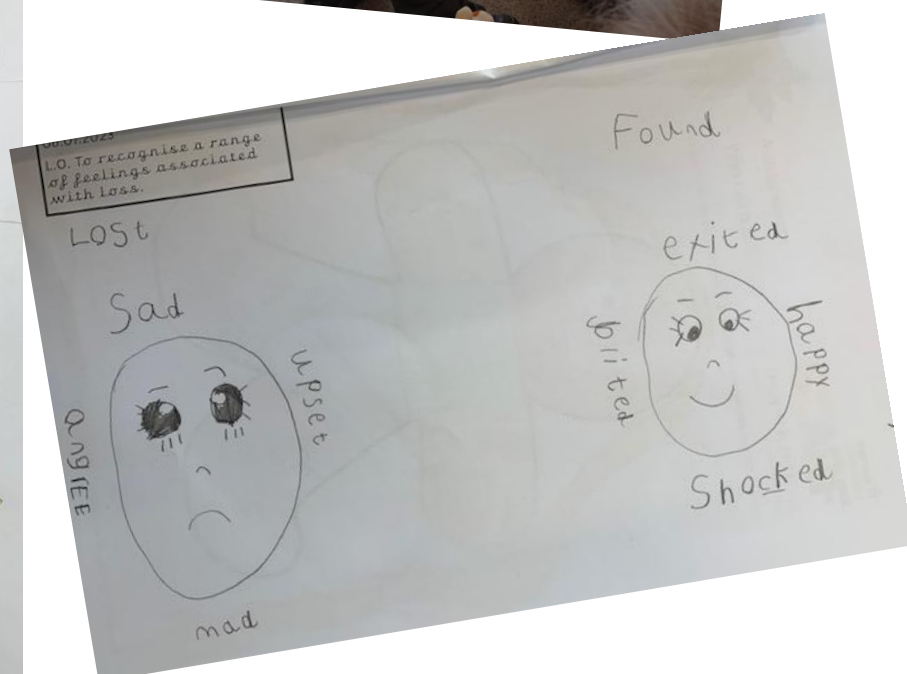
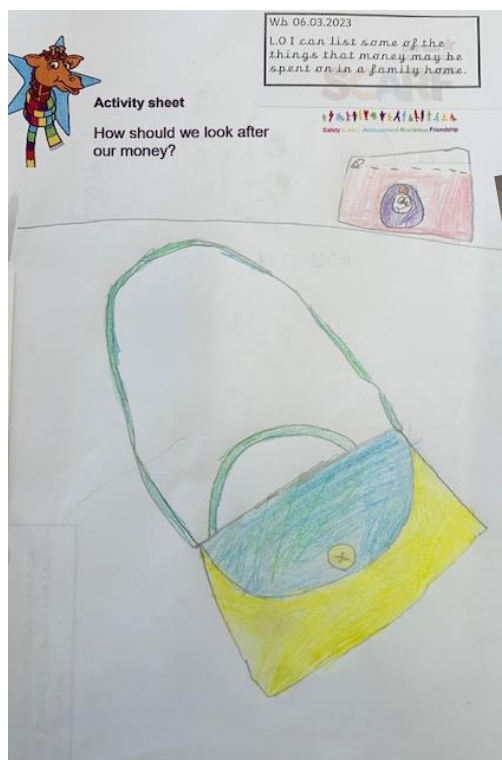




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## PE

PE this term we started with developing our hand and eye co-ordination using a basketball to bounce, throw and catch in different ways. We then moved on to dance pretending to be a growing plant. We also linked outdoor learning with PE and learnt the basics of orienteering.



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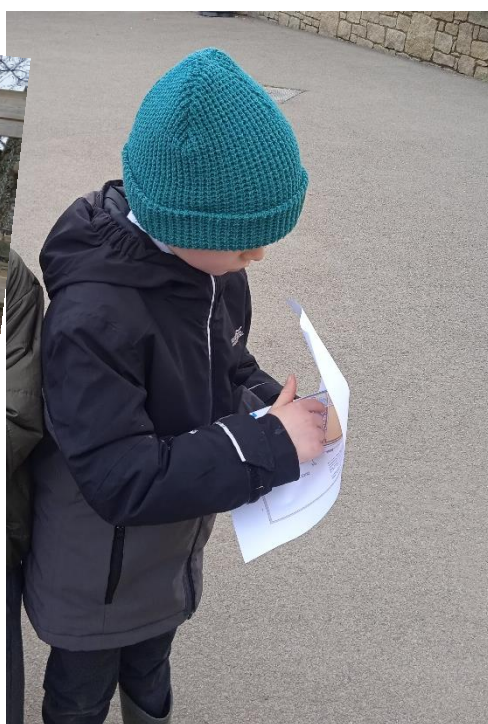




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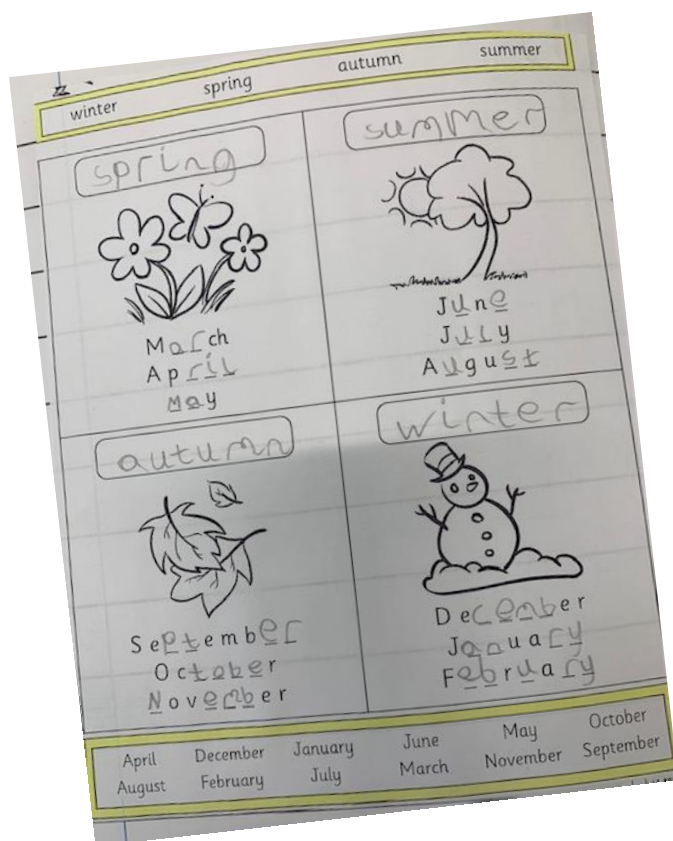






## Geography

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 then compared the four seasons.



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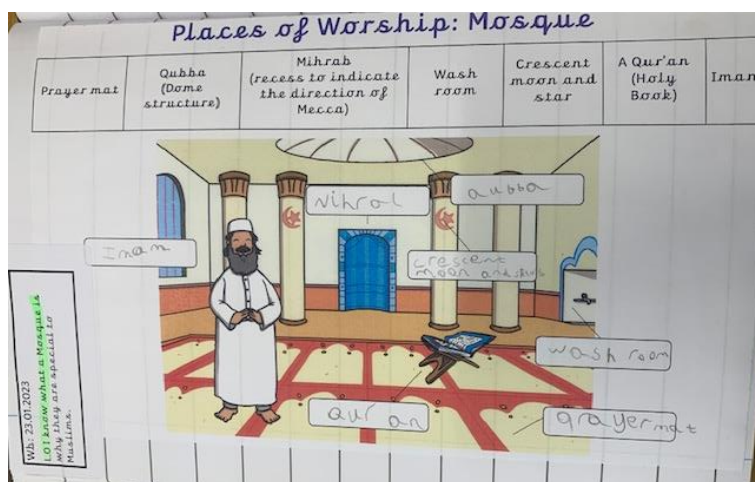
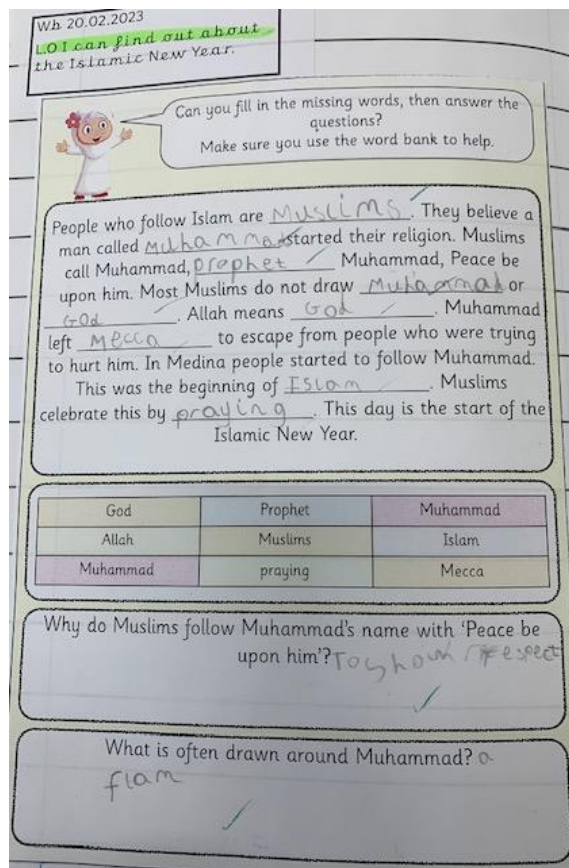
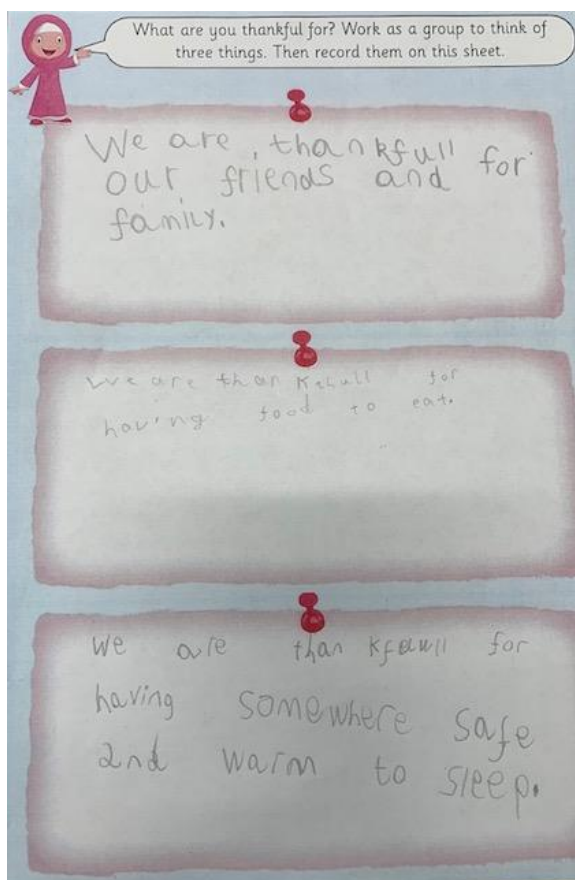
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## RE

This term in RE we have been looking at Islam, who and what are special to Muslims. 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 where Muslims pray. We learnt that the Mosque is a special building and that the Islam faith have special stories like the Christian faith.



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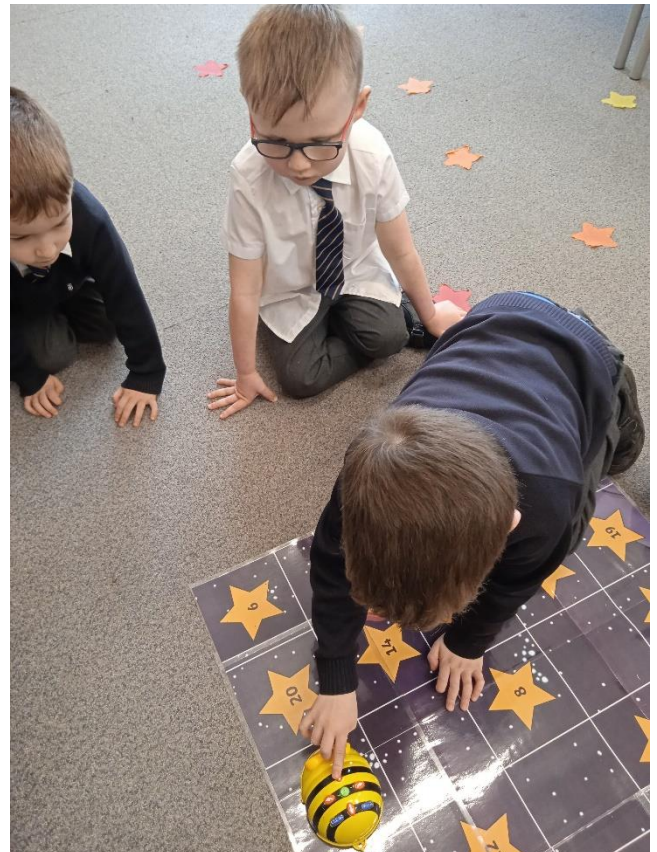
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## Computing

This term in computing we have looked at how to program a bee bot. we have done this using a bee-bot and also using the bee-bot app on the i-pad.



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