

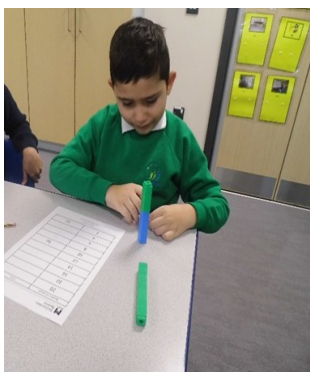
## Dolphin Class

In our Literacy lessons we explored reading and writing words from the Gruffalo story. The children were learning to spell, read and write interesting descriptive words used in the story. We really liked this fantasy story and even made our own puppets and monsters. The Class enjoyed writing birthday invitations to their favourite character from the story. During our Maths Mastery lessons, we focused on the topic of measure. The children learnt to order lengths by size. The children focused on using the topic words when discussing capacity such as full, empty and half full. We had lots of fun estimating and comparing volumes and capacities.



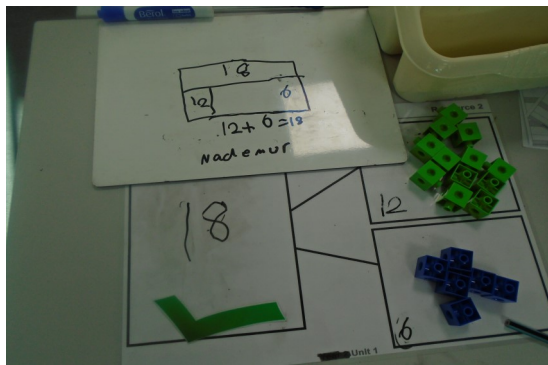
## Panda Class

It's been a very busy term for learning in Panda Class! We stepped back in time to Ancient Greece during Humanities lessons learning all about the Ancient Greek Gods and how the Olympic Games started. We were lucky enough to attend a Pantomime that showed us about the myth of Medusa and motivated us to create our own Medusa artwork. In English we looked at different familiar stories including Cinderella. The children loved inviting each other to our own class ball. We've also developed our addition and subtraction skills in math's learning different methods to help us. In science we have done many experiments to learn about the properties and changes in materials.



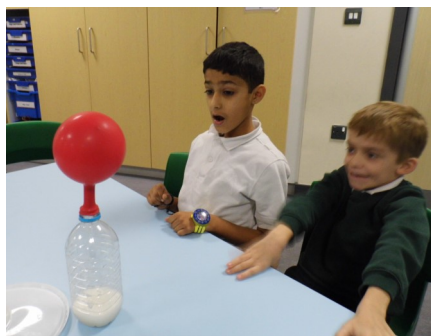
## Rhino Class

Rhino Class have been working very hard this half term. They have been progressing on their learning journeys with great enthusiasm. In our Maths lessons, we have focused on addition and subtraction. Nademur used the part-whole model and a bar model to help solve worded problems. In Science, we have learned about materials and their properties. The class learned that some materials were magnetic and others were not. In Literacy, we looked at 'Talk for writing' activities and used role play to inform our story writing. In R.E Rhino Class made bread to remind us that Jesus shared 5 loaves with 5000 people when he performed miracles. This miracle was known as the miracle of the five loaves and two fish. Charlie had great fun shaping the dough into the correct shape.



## Elephant Class

In English Elephant class have been reading the book 'The Runaway Pizza'. It's a funny story about a little mischievous pizza and a number of characters from some well known fairy tales. However, we didn't stop there. We added our own characters to the story to make it even more interesting. In Maths we explored numbers within 20 in different ways. We have done doubling, halving, ordering, comparing and learnt about odd and even numbers. We must have counted and sorted lots of cubes and counters in the process! The Science topic this half term was all about materials. We have done lots of exciting experiments to identify materials and to investigate how they change. To stay safe we put on our goggles and created carbon dioxide by mixing bicarbonate of soda and vinegar.



## Lion Class

Lion Class have been enjoying learning the book 'One Day on Our Blue Planet in the Savannah'. They have learnt about the story, and completed various activities linked to the book for their English lessons. They created fact files and learnt about the different African animals. In Science we have been learning about materials. The children have participated in various investigations in order to understand dissolving, melting, and reversible/irreversible changes. In History we have been learning about the Ancient Greeks. They enjoyed watching a performance about the Greek Myth Perseus and Medusa. The children have learnt other Greek myths and also about the Greek Gods and Goddesses. They also enjoyed learning about the Greek Olympics and the different sporting events during this time. They played the Greek Olympic Game board to help support their learning about this. For Black History Month they enjoyed learning some Motown moves and for Diwali they enjoyed creating their Diya lamps.



## Manatee Class

In literacy, Manatee Class have been focusing on traditional tales. We explored the children's favourite stories, and we did a lot of sensory activities, focusing on recreating and describing characters, actions, and settings. Sean made a house of lollipop sticks after reading 'The three little Pigs' and Dhani followed the steps of the recipe to make porridge after reading 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. It was delicious! We also used sensory equipment to make pig paper plates and we developed our fine motor skills by using brush and paint to colour our bears. In science, we have been learning about states of matter and we have been doing some exciting experiments to explore different reactions. We had lots of fun!



## Orca Class

It has been an amazing half term for Orca Class!

During wellbeing week, some of the children took part in cooking and selling healthy snacks to staff. The healthy snacks included beetroot brownies and feel good muffins and were absolutely delicious! The children had lots of fun learning about being healthy and tried to be healthy at snack time too. During our Science lessons, Orca class have been learning about 'Properties and Changes in Materials'. The children planned and carried out lots of different experiments. One of these experiments was predicting what would happen to salt when put into water (dissolve) and what would happen to the water when left for a week (evaporation). Orca class had lots of fun doing this!



## Tiger Class

Tiger class have had a fantastic Autumn Term—we have been working very hard and are now looking forward to the winter break!

At the beginning of this half term, we celebrated Black History Month by looking at some important people such as Martin Luther King Junior and Rosa Parks. We also celebrated Diwali by making our own Diyas and Rangoli patterns. We learnt about the story of Rama and Sita and why Diwali is so important to Hindus and Sikhs across the world.



## Giraffe Class

Giraffe Class have been learning about the Ancient Greeks this half term. They looked at the differences between life in ancient Greece and Greece in modern times. They learnt about their customs and traditions and began to deduce a lot about life during this ancient time by studying the pictures on a Greek vase. Tia is designing her own Greek vase below. In Maths Mastery, we focused on data handling. The class learnt about bar and Tally charts. The children went to the school car park and made a tally chart for the most popular car colour. Some children predicted that silver would be the most popular color and they were indeed correct. In Science, the children looked at different materials and how they change when put into water. They looked in detail at dissolving and predicted which materials would make a solution in water and which would not. They had fun doing these science experiments.



## Tapir Class

This half term, Tapir class has been learning about the way of life of people from different cultures who lived in the distant past. We have considered some of the attitudes and values of people living in Ancient Greece, their motives and the results of their actions. We compared the way of life today with that of people living a long time ago through exciting activities, including role-play and dressing up as Greeks. Using a map to locate Greece and Ancient Greece on a time line, we have been exploring their art, music and culture. We were able to connect Greek Gods with their symbols and areas of responsibility using lots of videos, photographs and books. We have also dressed up as Hoplites (Greek soldiers) to learn more about their equipment and resources.



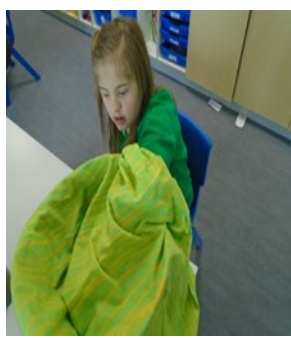
## Zebra Class

In literacy we have been looking at the story of 'Room on the Broom'. We have been adding our own characters to the story and the children enjoyed role playing it!

In science we have been looking at different materials and exploring their properties. We have been learning that some materials change their state when they are heated or cooled.

In Art they enjoyed pretending to paint 'under the ceiling' like Michelangelo. They are all great artists!

In maths we have been learning about fractions and shapes. They loved making Christmas trees and angels with shapes.



### Dates for your diary

- **Monday 6th January**                      **Pupils return to school (First day of Spring 1)**
- **Wednesday 5 February**              **Chinese New Year workshops**
- **Friday 14 February**                      **Last day of half term**

## ART - Upper Primary Newsletter – Autumn 2



During Autumn 2 students have been studying European art and artists. One of these artists was Michelangelo. Students learned about the Sistine Chapel and how it was painted. Students were then challenged to paint upside down like Michelangelo! Check out the pictures below.

Students also learned about the designer Coco Chanel and were challenged to create hats just like she did. Check out some of the Orca class's brilliant hats!

