

The Oak Oracle

Wow! Hasn't Summer 1 just flown by! We have been blessed with some glorious weather and taken some opportunities to use a great outdoor area.

In our English lessons, we have used the book 'Curiosity: Story of the Mars Rover' to learn all about the Mars Rover and how it was launched into space to investigate the red planet. We began by debating whether we thought there was life on Mars and writing a balanced argument to share both viewpoints. We then conducted our own research about one of the four Mars Rovers and completed an information poster on it, using organisational features, such as subheadings, to help direct the reader to key facts. This has linked fantastically to our Computing topic about how the Mars Rovers transfer data from Mars to Earth. We learnt about how binary code works and explored the importance of RAM memory to collect and store data.

In our RE lessons, we have been exploring the concept of 'Rites of passage. We began our topic by thinking about the 'journey of life'. Children created their own piece of art work, using pictures from their childhood to share important moments in their life. The class really enjoyed sharing pictures from their early childhood with each other and sharing their memories. We then explored the rites of passages within the Islamic faith, including rituals when a baby is born and one of the five pillars of Islam, Hajj (the pilgrimage to Mecca). We identified key events during these rites of passage and what they mean to Muslims.

The children have been particularly enthusiastic in our DT lessons, where we have been focussing on exploring and adapting well-known recipes. We familiarised ourselves with the basic recipe of spaghetti bolognese and its key ingredients, before learning where some of these ingredients, like beef, come from. We compared different jar sauces and thought about their unique selling points (USPs) before tasting them and choosing our favourites, based on flavour and packaging. We also developed our understanding of nutritional food labels and used an excel document which allowed us to adapt our basic bolognese recipe to try and make our recipe healthier. Thank you to Twinkle Toes, whose money helped fund the ingredients and equipment for this project.

