

The Willow Word

It has been a whirlwind of a term in Willow class, with lots of amazing hands-on learning opportunities for us to experience.

We began our English this year exploring the book *'The Barnabus Project'*. The children really enjoyed creating their own 'failed project' and using interesting vocabulary to describe them to create their own class 'Book of Failed Projects'. Our second learning journey linked with our History topic as we continued to develop our sentence structures when writing about Boudicca and her rebellion against the Romans.

Our RE concept for this term has been 'Good vs Evil', which we studied through the Hindu festival of Diwali. We also identified 'good' and 'evil' characters in films and the key characteristics for each before evaluating whether someone can only ever be 'good' or 'evil'. The children were really immersed in the story of Rama and Sita and enjoyed creating their own version of diya lamps and rangoli art.

The highlight of this term however has been how immersed we have been in our History topic: Roman Britain. The children learnt reasons why the Romans came to Britain, developed understanding of their societal structure and used artefacts to make assumptions about what life was like. They visited the ruins of Rockbourne Roman Villa and had a fun-filled day at school with Foxes Class during Romans day, making catapults, Roman towns and mosaics. It has been a delight to see how engaged the children have been with their learning.

