

# The Oak Oracle

We have had a wonderfully busy half term and everyone should be proud of the effort they have put in.

We started the half term with swimming, and the children really did themselves proud. Their confidence grew day by day, and it was lovely to see their determination, resilience and teamwork in the pool.

In Maths, we have been building our confidence with multiplication, division, addition, subtraction and algebra. The children have worked hard to use these skills in a range of problem-solving activities, including some exciting code-breaking challenges. It has been brilliant to see them apply their knowledge carefully and explain their thinking with growing independence.

In English, we finished reading *Lizzie and Belle* and used the text as inspiration for writing a biography. The children made excellent use of expanded noun phrases and key facts to produce thoughtful and well-structured writing. We then moved on to *Lion and the Unicorn*, where we have been exploring the characters in more depth. We have focused on character analysis, looking closely at their feelings, thoughts and actions, and discussing how these affect the story.

History this half term has been centred on World War II, with a particular focus on the experiences and feelings of evacuees. The children showed great empathy as they learned about what life may have been like for children who

were evacuated from their homes. A real highlight was our fantastic trip to the Watercress Line in Ropley, where the children enjoyed travelling on a steam train and taking part in a World War II-inspired workshop.

In RE, we have been looking at Humanism and exploring what it means to live a good life. The children have thought carefully about how these ideas connect to their own lives, friendships and everyday choices.

