

# The Willow Word

The first half term has absolutely flown by – I cannot believe it is already time for May half term! We have certainly packed in some exciting learning opportunities.

At the beginning of term, we celebrated World Art Day, with our class focussing on the work of Japanese artist, Hokusai. We used different mediums to recreate two pieces of artwork in his style, including our own version of the famous painting 'The Great Wave'. In the afternoon, we were extremely fortunate to have an art workshop from one of our Governors, Mr Stewart, who shared some of his art collection, answered questions about his inspirations when painting and helped us with some 'still life' art work.



Our key text in English this term has been 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' By Joe Tood-Stanton. The children have loved learning about Norse mythology through this story and have been demonstrating some fantastic writing when creating their very own Viking myths.

The children have found our RE topic for this term extremely interesting, as we have explored the concept of avatars in Hinduism. The children started their learning by developing their understanding of avatars and discussing why people might use avatars. We then learnt about the different avatars of Vishnu and how it is believed they have come down to Earth to help people. The children really enjoyed creating their own avatars of Vishnu and thinking of stories to go alongside these.

It has also been Willow's chance to become expert chefs in DT this term, as we looked into adapting recipes for different target audiences. The children couldn't believe their luck when their first lesson of the term was becoming biscuit tasters! From there, we turned to making a biscuit recipe before thinking about what ingredients we could add to this to make our biscuits unique. We completed a budgeting table and packaging for our biscuit. Our last lesson consisted of everybody making their very own biscuit with new ingredients.

