

Willow Class Celebration Newsletter

This term we went to church and thought about questions we could ask about it. Our question was 'I wonder what church is like during Easter'. We spoke about this while we were in church and then we had the choice of painting or using oil pastels to create a picture showing Easter in church.



We have been learning about Newington and were lucky enough to have a member of the history society come and talk to us about what Newington was like in the past. We had some really good questions for her and learnt a lot! We have been making models of different parts of Newington and put them all together to make one big 3D map of Newington.

We won Groot again this term! The children were so pleased to win him and we were able to take him to church with us, took him on a shape hunt, read stories to him and he even went dancing with us in the mornings!



We have been learning about shapes in Maths. The children have really enjoyed some practical learning; going on shape hunts and finding shapes around the classroom that are the same as the ones we have spoken about.

This term we have:

In Literacy we have been learning through the story 'The Enchanted Wood', which the children are really enjoying. We have focussed on writing descriptively this term, thinking a lot about what the woods and the Faraway Tree look like. We have used drama and art to help us think about the settings in the book and how the characters might feel. We have been using adjectives and thinking about how we can use different types of punctuation to make our writing interesting.

In maths we have been focussing on fractions and shape. We have been learning about $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ and how we can show fractions of shapes. We have been recapping the names of 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

Our topic this term was 'Street Detectives', and we learnt about our local area of Newington. We learnt about how the school used to be different (the school used to be just the hall!), what Newington used to look like and how people used to live. We have used clay to make models of buildings in the village and have created sketches of the school.

Next term:

In Literacy we will continue learning through 'The Enchanted Wood'. We will be exploring different genres of writing.

In maths we will be continuing to learn about shape as well as making sure we have a good understanding of all four operations and place value, also focussing on the language associated with these topics.

Our Topic work this term will be based on The Great Fire of London. This is a really exciting topic for children, and we will be learning about how the fire started, what happened during it and the difference between the fire equipment they had then and the equipment we have now.

Helpful words to learn for next term: names of 2D and 3D shapes (and spotting them around the house!), River Thames, firehooks, Pudding Lane, Samuel Pepys.