

We hope you all had a wonderful half term break. The children were certainly all raring to learn when they arrived back which was fantastic.

Our Maths this week was focused on learning the names and properties of 2D shapes. We remembered from Year 1 that we might use some of the following vocabulary to describe 2D shapes:

vertices (where two straight sides meet)

Sides

Curved

Straight

length

equal

We remembered lots of the names of 2D shapes, but found it trickier to remember pentagons and hexagons. We will work on this again soon.

In R.E. this week our central concept was 'Special Stories'. We all selected a story that was special to us and shared the reasons why with the class. It was wonderful to see the range of different books and stories. So many of them were connected with remembering special people or moments in our lives. We conducted a P4C session and tried to answer the question "Can all stories be special to everybody?" This created a good discussion and most children decided that everybody is different so everybody can have a different story that is special to them, but that there are some stories that are special to lots of people eg. famous stories like in the Bible.

On Thursday we had a special visitor, Mrs Roy, who is a Hindu. She read to us a story that is very special to Hindus – the story of Rama & Sita. We heard how Hindus celebrate the story and the triumph of good over evil during Diwali. We celebrated Diwali ourselves by trying traditional Indian Folk Dancing with sticks and bells, making Rangoli patterns with coloured rice and seeds, and finally sampling some Indian food that is often eaten during the festival of Diwali. We also got to examine and ask questions about a range of Hindu prayer artefacts. It was a fantastic, authentic experience.





On Friday we learnt the history of Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes. We acted out the different scenes by pretending to be King James, Guy Fawkes, Robert Catesby and the soldiers that captured them.

During Science we are still learning about animals (including humans) and how we survive. We found out that 'hygiene' is really important to stay healthy. We took part in the 'glitter germ' challenge and learnt that if we don't wash our hands with soap after going to the toilet or before eating food, we may pass on bacteria or viruses to others. We made a poster to show what we had learnt.

For a short week, we have achieved a lot!