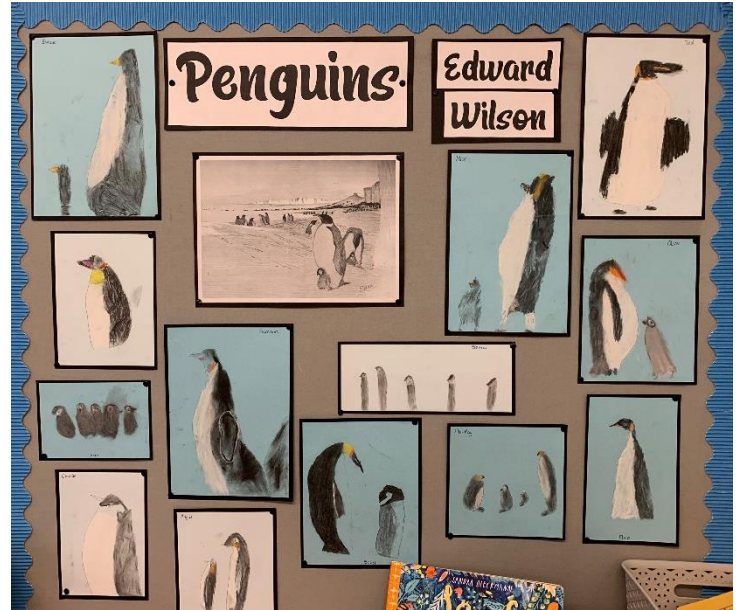


First Half Term Highlights

Last half term was full of learning and creativity. The class impressed me with their knowledge and understanding of some tricky year 2 learning and we had plenty of fun along the way. On the website you will find a few photographs from our science lessons, where hands on discovery lead to plenty of questioning and excitement. Here are a few photographs of our Edward Wilson inspired penguins. Children used chalk and charcoal to sketch and create their penguins, looking at light and dark shades. There was plenty of creativity and mess along the way and they look fabulous on the wall in our classroom.



This half term is our first whole school topic of the year. This topic brings with it so much excitement as we work together across the school, plus we begin our countdown to the festivities. On the reverse of this letter, you will find the Creative Learning plan for the topic and all the exciting plans we have for the next 7 weeks. Here is a little snapshot of what this will look like in our Year 2 classroom.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

The Silk Road

The history of travel and trade.

Baghdad circle city

Exploring the design of a circle city and the positives and limitations this had.

ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION

Exploring addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers and how to use the column method to solve calculations.

SHAPE

Discovering 2D and 3D shapes and being able to sort these by their properties.

COMPUTING

Continuing to learn about Word Processing. Being able to type into a document and change font. To be able to save and retrieve a document.

PSHE

Learning about safe relationships, bullying and what to do if they need help.

ENGLISH

We will enjoy hearing some of the stories from Arabian Nights, and using story telling language we will retell and illustrate these to add to the Baghdad Book market.

GRAMMAR

Expanded noun phrases will continue to be important during our story telling as we describe characters and settings. We will also learn about coordinating conjunctions and how to use these to expand our sentences.

HANDWRITING

Continuing to learn to join our handwriting. Focus placed on ensuring our letters are of a consistent size and start at the correct orientation.

TEXTILES

Putting our textiles skills to the test to stitch the edges of our purses and attach a button.

PE

Co-ordination is our multi-skill focus this half term as we develop our ability to skip using different types of ropes. There will be plenty of active learning in the classroom as well as learning dance routines to perform for the production.

ALI BABA AND THE BONGO BANDITS

Alongside our classroom learning, we will be joining with the Key Stage 2 classes to put on our Christmas production. For those of you who may not have witnessed a Willow Brook production yet, it really is something special. Every rehearsal and audition bring out confidence and hidden talents amongst the children, and I always enjoy watching our youngest children look up in awe at the oldest. Please keep an eye out for letters being sent home regarding tickets and costumes.

MISS PEACE

Hello everyone, my name is Miss Peace and I am a fourth year trainee teacher at Nottingham Trent University. For my degree I am specialising in Key Stage 1, and over the next 4 weeks I am going to be teaching in Year 2 at Willow Brook. As the children already know I love to read so thought I would recommend one of my favourite books. It is a story about Simon the sock trying to find his matching pair, and his journey of doing so. This story is a great way to discuss friendship and what is truly important.

Let me know which part you enjoy the best.

