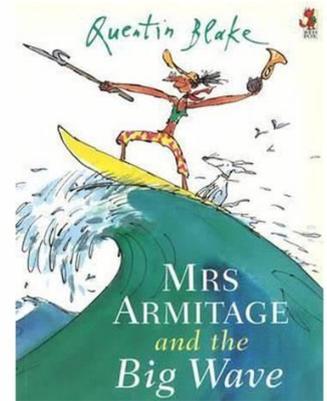


# YEAR 2 END OF SPRING 1 TERM UPDATE

For **English** we used a lovely book called building boy. A boy who missed his Granny who goes on adventure to build the house she had designed for him. The creativity that the children showed using this to create their own adventure was super. They are not only becoming experts in sentence stacking but not showing independence in planning their text and knowing what will make it a good one when they complete them on their own.

For **Reading** we have moved to using a whole class teaching model where we look at a shared text and complete specific reading skill activities related to it. To link with transport, we use the Mrs Armitage book by Quentin Blake.



For **maths** we've done money and started multiplication. The teaching for multiplication so far has focussed on using counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's to be able to calculate equal groups. After half term, we will move onto sharing into equal groups and division. Using facts from the 2, 5 and 10 times table is an end of year expectation so as they learn them, we will continue to practice and embed them.

**DT** – The models they designed were create and good. They all managed to achieve the focus of creating moving wheels using axels and holders. They spent time evaluating and thinking of the new skills they had learnt.

For **Science** the children have been continuing to look at properties of materials and completed lots of experiments. We've been doing lots of noticing and using 3 pictures to look at which could be the odd one out. The discussions have been fascinating.

The children have responded well to our **History** topic of People who have changed history. Looking at Rosa Parks and Emily Davidson which were within and beyond living memory, they were able to see how the actions of these individuals have made an impact on how we live today.

**RE** Has focused on what it is like to be Jewish and the things they believe in. They have been creative making Mezuzahs to put on our doors.

For **PE** they have been experiencing hockey. This is a topic where there has been improvements you can see. Just from holding the stick correctly and how to move the ball, they have all become naturals.

**Music** – if you got to see us perform at the assembly, you will have been impressed with their singing and playing of the glockenspiels. Keeping the pulse and playing, isn't as easy as they made it look.

And lastly, Miss Shaw. Miss Shaw is a student teacher in her final year of study. She has settled in amazingly and working under direction, she has taken on the role superbly and is a great addition for the rest of next half term. Here is a note from her.

*I'm Miss Shaw and I am a trainee teacher from York St John university, and I will be completing my final placement with the year 2 class.*

*You may have seen me already as I have been here for the past couple of weeks settling in and starting to teach the children. Over the next few weeks, you may be seeing more of me as I will be teaching more lessons during the time that I am here. So far, I am thoroughly enjoying working in snowdrop class and I can't wait to continue working with these amazing children.*

*I will be out in the playground most mornings to welcome the children in so feel free to come and say hello.*