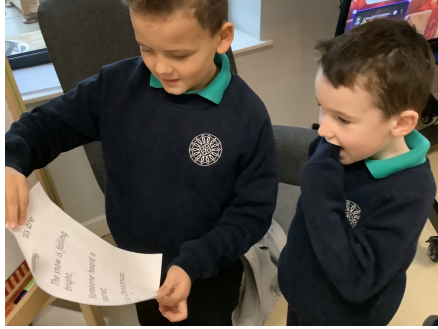


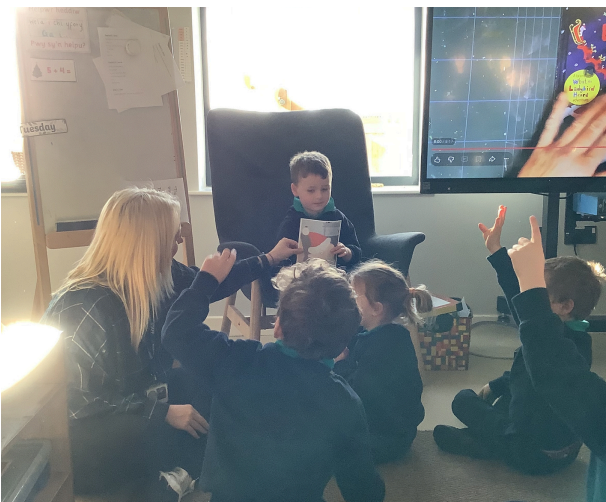
Learning Blog

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We hope you all had a wonderful break and a happy start to the new year. The children have settled back into school and have been full of excitement and curiosity for learning. We have also refreshed and reorganised our classroom to support more meaningful and engaging learning opportunities.

Our new inquiry, Nature's Recipe for Growth, began with a mystery bag filled with bulbs, seed packets, and plants, sparking lots of questions and excitement. The children have been learning about the parts of a plant and their functions and are currently carrying out a cress growing experiment. We are exploring what happens when important conditions, such as light and water, are taken away, making observations and predictions along the way.



In Literacy, we began the term by exploring Wangari's Trees of Peace, focusing on the narrative genre. The children have been highly engaged in discussing key events and exploring characters' feelings using emotion line graphs. The children were fantastic at ordering events and are exploring the use of time openers such as first, next, then, and in the end. We are currently coming to the end of our second book, The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark, which the children have loved! Plop has been talk of the classroom!. Reception children are building up their writing to create owl posters, while Year 1 are producing fact files, focusing on descriptive writing and using commas accurately.

In maths, Reception and Year 1 learners have been practising counting in 5's and 10's when lining up ready for lunch as an extra little bit of maths in the day!

Reception have been consolidating subtraction, they enjoyed using playdough to squash amounts to take away. Year 1 have been using their preferred method, such as a 100 number square or a number line, to confidently subtract from a 2-digit number.

We have now moved our learning onto 2D shapes. The children enjoyed a shape hunt around the classroom and can identify shape properties with confidence. They have also learned a handful of new shapes including ovals, hexagons and octagons!

