



'Love other people... as we love ourselves.' (Luke 10:27)

Chelmondiston Church of England Primary School

At Chelmondiston Church of England, we have had a fantastic start to the 2022 and the spring term. Ofsted described our curriculum as 'ambitious' – which it certainly is!

During our first week back after the Christmas holidays our children enjoyed amazing Science learning experiences. This included Year 4s learning about the process of digestion by squeezing a concoction of crushed biscuits, bananas and orange juice through tights to replicate how our intestines work, Year 5s and 6s used a pin hole tunnel and created shadow puppets to investigate how light travels in straight lines.



In order to prepare for Safer Internet Day in February, we conducted a survey across the school to establish how our children use the Internet to make sure that our key learning focused on what is relevant for our pupils. We started the day with a special assembly, led by Mr McGinn. In class, pupils learnt about the benefits of being on line and how to play games safely; children considered why PEGI rating exist and what they mean. Children also thought about how technology can affect sleep quality which prompted them to come up with 'Top Tips' for a healthy bedtime routine. They also learnt how to support others if they are experiencing bullying online.



We also celebrated World Read Aloud Day; children enjoyed sharing a diverse range of stories together.



During the year, all our classes have swimming lessons and Forest School lessons.



Each term we have special SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) themed days to provide opportunities for children to explore lifestyles and ideas that extend beyond our daily lives. We celebrated a Cultural Aspects Day on February 16th where all children learnt about culture. The day started with a headteacher's assembly which included information about how different people in the world greet each other and say hello.

Key Stage one pupils compared pictures of bedrooms of children from around the world. "We learnt that some things are very different but we all had some things that were the same."



All children had the opportunity to consider stereotypes and how this can affect, for example, how boys and girls are sometimes treated differently. Some classes investigated children's lifestyles in different countries. Children also looked at photographs of people and discussed if we should make judgements based on what someone looks like. Older pupils discussed stereotypes for Barbie and Ken then considered whether there are jobs that men and women can be better at.



We enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day celebration in March and were impressed by all the children's costumes, book boxes and general enthusiasm for reading and stories. It was truly heart-warming to see children of all ages sharing books together this morning, especially as it had been such a long time that they have been able to do this.



Later this term we will be having a Faith in Nature, outdoor learning day and Year 5 and 6s will be working with Cannon Rev Liesbeth to present the Stations of the Cross in St Andrew's Church before Easter.

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