



# Gatekeepers class

## Week ending 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Core value focus: Trust



#### English



This week we have looked at the mural painting 'The girl with the red balloon' by graffiti artist Banksy. We discussed what we could see in the image and what we were left wondering. We discussed symbolism and reflected on hopes, dreams and prayers the girl might have drawing on our own experiences and knowledge of stories. We used our thoughts and ideas to create our own stories, focussing on conjunctions and fronted adverbials to structure our sentences.

#### Maths



This week we have focused our learning around placing 2 digit and 3 digit numbers on a blank number line and learned how to round numbers to the nearest multiple of 10. We have used pv (place value) grids to recap what happens to the value of digits when we multiply them by 10 and used this knowledge to help us work out rules for dividing by ten to complete divisions to 1 or 2 decimal places.

#### History

We have thought about what artefacts/remains we would need to help us study the ancient Maya civilisation.

We learned how to deduce facts from images and made connections with our learning about ancient Egypt.

The class were very surprised to learn that The Maya civilisation was longer than that of the ancient Egyptians, Romans and Greeks.

#### Music



We were really excited to have had our first of ten ukulele lessons this Thursday with Mr. Hall from Norfolk Music Service. The children were brilliant and we can't wait to see what he will teach us next week 😊

#### Science

We have thought more about the purpose of a skeleton and researched animals with endoskeletons, exoskeletons and no skeletons.

#### Art & DT

In Art, we have learned the history of graffiti by looking at different examples of street art. We have learned some street art is legal as the artists have permission to use public spaces where as other street art can be seen as vandalism. We looked at examples of graffiti art around Norwich and the mural in our school library. We looked at different lettering styles used in street art and experimented sketching the first letter of our names using different fonts.

In DT, we have started an inquiry around Maya temples. We have looked at pictures of remains and artist impressions and used these to build similar structures out of multi-link cubes.

#### Information

Swimming lessons – every Friday am. Please make sure your child has the correct kit and a warm coat. No earrings to be worn.

PE will now be on Tuesday afternoons with Miss Fairbrother. This week the children learned gymnastic skills. Please can children come to school wearing their PE kit. No earrings/jewellery to be worn.

Polite reminder: Please can long hair be tied back daily for hygiene and safety reasons.

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Homework – thank you for you continued support.