

Gatekeepers class
Week ending: 11th February 2022
Core value focus: Trust



English



This week we have researched graffiti and had a class debate about whether we consider graffiti as art or vandalism.

We used our debate discussion to write a balanced argument thinking carefully about: sentence openers, paragraphs, fronted adverbials and subordinate conjunctions.

Maths



This week we have been learning about fractions. We have learned how to find fractions of numbers and quantities. We have learned how to use a fraction wall up to 20ths and our multiplication knowledge to find equivalent fractions. We have marked equivalent fractions and decimals on a number line.

Science



To conclude our learning about animals, including humans I set the children a group challenge to, using limited resources, build a structure to investigate how a delicate object can be protected. For this challenge they had to protect a chocolate teacake from damage. After testing the structures, we looked back at the structure of a human skeleton to see if there were similar features with our designs (e.g. all round protection like the skull, lightweight structure like a ribcage).

Music



We are really enjoying our ukulele lessons with Mr. Hall. This week the children learned how to read music to play three different chords to a song.

PE

This week Miss Fairbrother took the children outside to play bench ball.

RSHE

Using the context of a scenario from a book, where a character called Izzy lied to her Aunty, we discussed whether it was ever ok to lie, what we have lied about, how lying to others makes us feel and how having the courage to tell the truth can be hard but we feel better afterwards. We predicted what might happen next in the story and most children thought Izzy will tell the truth. We are eager to see...

History



In History, we have learned about the food and drink in Ancient Mayan times. We were surprised to find that it is believed 80% of their diet was maize. The children were shocked to learn that they only ate twice a day – a main meal at mid-day and a snack in the evening.

Reminders/Information

Last day of term: Friday 11th February

Children return: Monday 21st February

Have a fantastic half-term break!