



The Greville's Termly Update

Autumn term 2024

YEAR 2



What a start to Year 2! This first half term has flown by, and we've had a wonderful eight weeks packed with learning and creativity! The children have shown fantastic curiosity and engagement with our wide curriculum, and we are so proud of how well they have all settled in. They've embraced the big jump with resilience, using their Zones of Regulation to manage their feelings and throwing themselves wholeheartedly into every subject.

– Miss Esme Fraser (Year 2 teacher)

ENGLISH

In Literacy, we've been focusing on sentence structures using colourful semantics, exploring adjectives and verbs to create 2A sentences. Our key texts this term have been *Be More Bernard* and *The Barnabus Project*, two heart-warming stories all about being yourself. The children especially enjoyed creating their own "perfect pets" and writing their own dramatic narratives about their pets' daring escape from the "Perfect Pet Shop Laboratory." Their creativity really shone through!

MATHS

In Maths, we kicked off the year with "Place Value".

The children have thoroughly enjoyed using dienes and counters to support their understanding, and their confidence in number knowledge has really grown.

They've reached mastery challenges, tackling problem-solving with enthusiasm. We are now diving into "Addition and Subtraction", looking at fact families, a unit that will carry on into next half term.

HISTORY

History took us on a epic journey into space, where we learned about the incredible Mae Jemison and Neil Armstrong. The children created timelines of space exploration and were captivated by the astronauts' life stories, fuelling their imaginations and curiosity about space travel.



SCIENCE

Science has been a hands-on adventure as the children explored materials and their properties.

They learned new terms like transparent and opaque, made predictions based on evidence, and loved experiments such as "Which material is bounciest?" and "What materials are flexible?" Their enthusiasm for scientific investigation has been inspiring!

OTHER AREAS

In Art, we've been celebrating the beauty of the natural world. The children have experimented with collage, sculpture, and observational drawing. We wore yellow for mental health day and engaged in conversations about how we can look after our mental wellbeing and how we support each other in school. We also had a delightful Harvest Festival this term. The children sang beautifully, and the performances by the actors amazed us with their loud voices and expressive acting.

A highlight of the term was our trip to RHS Wisley Gardens, where we got to sketch plants and trees. It was wonderful to see their art skills come to life in such a beautiful setting. We were also able to hone our science skills by taking cuttings from plants and sowing seeds in the allotment.



Year 2 children have truly earned a well-deserved rest, and we wish them a happy and relaxing half term. We can't wait to see them back for more adventures next half term. – The Year 2 Team