

29th November 2024

The Grange Times

Redwood



This term we have been learning all about different types of castles; their geographical locations and the features they may have. Our topic lessons have taken a fun turn as we have been able to design and build our very own castles! We were allowed to incorporate any features we deemed appropriate for our castle as long as we could label and talk about them in detail. Now just over halfway through the project you can see some masterpieces coming together!



Freddie: I used purple paint, cardboard and scissors to make my castle.

Ugne: I like painting my castle because it makes it look more detailed. I liked learning how to make a working draw- bridge.

Hope: I enjoyed making and painting the castle and making it because it interesting to learn about castles an then make them

Jack: I enjoyed making the drawbridge out of cardboard and string.

Noah: I like painting my castle the colour that I wanted to follow my plan.

Kaleem: I cut my castle. I used tape to stick it together. I'm painting it black.

Eva-Louise: I enjoyed painting my castle because it might be beautiful after its done.

Tyler: Although the decorating is not quite finished yet, I am enjoying it.

Nevaeha: My favourite part of making my castle has been cutting the top to make it like a real castle. They're called battlements.



Last week, in Science, Ash class were learning about things and materials that help us to see in the dark based on our

big question "What helps us see in the dark?". Pupils, also did a small experiment, looking for their shadows

Ash

in a dark room as well as tried to find out how we light up a dark room.

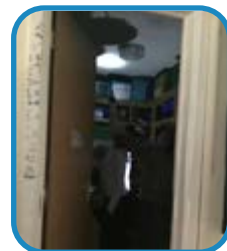
Aneyk: "Shadow on the ceiling"

Carter: "Switch on the lights"

Alex: "I see a hedgehog". "Turn on the light"

Ella-Rose: "Owl", "dark"

Olivia: "fox", "dark", "light"



Palm



Palm Class have had a very busy Autumn term. We have been to the cinema, had muffi days and this week we had Palm class assembly.

Tammi: We went to the cinema in Milton Keynes and we watched Harold and the Purple Crayon. I found the film okay I didn't really like it because the spider bit scared me a little bit. I also didn't like it because I found the man who kidnapped Harold a bit mean and scary.

Matthew: I went to the cinema and I enjoyed it. I watched Harold and the Purple Crayon at Cineworld in Milton Keynes. I liked the movie. At first it started as animated and then it changed into real life. During watching the movie I brought in treats.

Malachi: Palm class went on a school trip to Cineworld in Milton Keynes to watch Harold and the Purple Crayon. I brought popcorn and apple juice. I liked the magical drawing with the purple crayon.

Calvin: I really like muffi a lot because we get to wear our home clothes when we celebrate something like Hello Yellow, Children in Need, Save the Children and Jeans for Genes day. **Baron:** I love the cinema. I bought 4 snacks with me, while I watched the film

Harold and the Purple Crayon. When it started Harold was 4 years old then as time went past Harold was a man. The funny part was the ending. I loved the film.

Kyle: We went to see Harold and the Purple Crayon it was an ok movie; my only wish is to have more than one snack with me. The movie was based on an American book. It was by Crockett Johnson, the story was that Harold wants to find his creator.

Keith: I like Children in need is to raise money and meeting Pudsey the big yellow bear. This year the BBC children in need day raised up to £39,210,850 for the children in the hospital some are death blind and what I love about hello yellow day is where you wear muffi.

Alfie: We went to the movies at Cineworld MK. We watched Harold and the Purple Crayon, based on the book by Corken Jonsen. In this Harold comes to the real world from the illustrations from the book.

Mayson: We went on a trip to Cineworld in Milton Keynes to watch Harold and the Purple Crayon. It's about a man called Harold who has a purple crayon that anything he draws comes to life. At first I thought I wasn't going to like it, but it was actually enjoyable.

Scarlett: I did an assembly about the war. On Monday I went down to the hall at 9am and at the end I read out my sheet and people were clapping for me, I was proud.

Willow



In Willow class we have had a very busy few weeks. We have been to the cinema, started practising our Christmas performance and have watched the pantomime. We have also been working very hard with our writing and storytelling.



Robert: I liked going to the cinema and I have a very important part in the play.

Keyaan: I liked the pantomime, and I have like doing number blocks in class.

Jordan: I finished my story and I liked going to the cinema.

Jake: I went to the cinema with my friends and i have been playing Nessy a lot.

Phoebe: I like practicing for our Christmas play and I like doing the singing.

Robin: I have been working hard in English and wrote a good story.

Teddy: I have been working hard and i liked the cinema trip a lot!



Cedar

The students in Cedar have been undertaking their Health and Safety awards level 1 and 2. This a formal qualification to help them later in life when working in industries and also how to be safe and hygienic when at home cooking.



Ray: I have learnt that you must make sure everything is reported to your manager.

Reece: Making sure some foods are properly cooked, like Chicken as this can have salmonella.

Kieran: I am proud that I have completed level 1 and look forward to completing my level 2.

Ryan: I learnt about how you have different chopping boards for different things.

Rodney: I now know about some regulations like wearing a blue plaster on cuts so it is easy to recognise if it falls off.

Ollie: Hygiene is very important, especially your hands and how to keep everything clean as bacteria can grow and make others ill.

Steven: Make sure that you don't have dirty clothing and wear an apron or gloves.

Hazel

Pupils in Hazel have worked hard to create many Christmas ornaments to decorate both the Kestrel tree entered in the Christmas Tree Festivals at the Transfiguration Church, Kempston and at Grange. Pupils have made air-dry clay trees, gingerbread men, glittery paperchains, and wooden snowmen. The class enjoyed a special afternoon on Friday involving circle time and Christmas crafts. They had to listen well to others, take turns during the activity, and learn more about their classmates. On Monday 25th, Hazel and Beech went to the Transfiguration church to decorate Christmas trees.

Amber: We moved the tables out of the way and put chairs in a circle. One person said, 'I went to the shop, and I bought...' and the next person had to remember what the first person said and add to it. After we made snowmen for the Christmas tree and listened to music!

Tyrese: We made some paper chains for our Christmas tree, and then we made some snowman to put on the tree. At the church, we put two Christmas trees together and we decorated it with lights, baubles and paper chains. I enjoyed it because it was nice to go out and see the church.

Hannah: We did Christmas decorating. I added glitter, sparkly things and we made ornaments to go on the tree. I like it because it's so beautiful to go on the tree, and I like to decorate the Christmas tree at home.

Emilia: We went in a circle and talked about last week, one thing of the week good and one thing bad. I did the snowman - I put the snowman beads on the string and double-knotted. I did enjoy it, it was calm.

Eva: On Monday, we made the paper chains. First you grab one of the papers and you make it into a

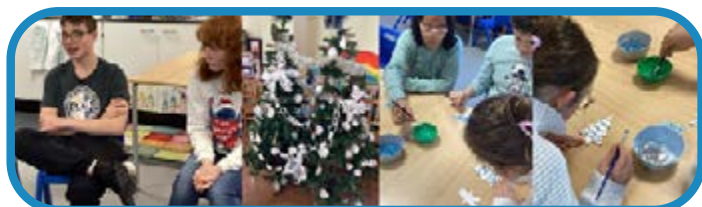
circle and attach both sides with glue, then you grab another one and put it through and do it again, and again and again. It was fun. Then we put the paper chain into the glue, and we put it in the glitter, and it makes a nice decoration. We decorated them for the Christmas tree in church.

Dylan: We got this air-dry clay, and we used shape cutters to make gingerbread men and trees. We had to wait a day or two for the clay to dry out and harden up, and then we added glitter and decorated them, which was quite fun.

Umar: I rolled the dough out and I used the cutter to make a Christmas tree shape. I did enjoy it a little bit, because it's just cutting out, and it was interesting.

Tristan: We did circle time first, and we asked each other about their favourite thing and least favourite thing they did. We played a game and first Dylan got strawberries, Tyrese got bananas, and you had to say what they said earlier. It was fun! We used clay to make gingerbread men and we put glitter on it.

Justine: We played a game in a circle, we had to remember each person, the topic was food, and we had to remember what they said. I made the snowman with strings and put the bottom of the snowman on first and put it through the string. We're going to hang them up on the tree as a decoration. The start was a bit hard, but I got used to it.



Elm



In Elm class this week we have been trying our hand at acting, we have been acting out certain scenes of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

We got to take it in turns to be a character from the book like, Peter, Mr Tumnus, The White Witch or Aslan. We then tried to act out a scene with our classmates, each time the scene was different so we had to think of how we could reflect the setting within the classroom. Some scenes we needed to include the adults in the class to help, Mr Kilcoyne got to play Santa and four of the pupils were reindeers.

All in all, it was good fun and everyone took part.

Samuel: I got to play Aslan the Lion and had to roar as loud as I could.

Harry: I played Mr Beaver and had to make myself look like a beaver.

Zach: I had fun, I worked with Owen.

Luca: We got Mr Kilcoyne to play Santa because he has a white beard.



Oak



This week in Oak Class, we have been thinking about our big question: How can we keep safe in the dark? We have explored what

makes a good reflector, designed our own high vis vests, made a 'Be safe, be seen' banner and practiced safely crossing the road. We practised stop, look, listen and the cars saw us easily in our high vis vests.

Alfie: Cross the road. Hold hand.

Cody: We practised

Levi: We keep safe in the dark by having lights on and wearing a high vis. Cars need to see us in the dark.

Marcel: We went to the street and looked both ways.

Samuel: Be safe and be seen! We went outside to practise stop, check and be safe.

Scarlett: We play hide and seek with torch and high vis to see if we can find each other easily.



Careers

There have been lots of opportunities for Grange Academy pupils to get involved career opportunities in the last few weeks.

Police Assembly

Kai: Police cadets can train from age 14 and some police have guns and drive helicopters and work on the phones. I want to be a police officer.

Asia: We learnt about police vehicles

Kajetan: They have help from police dogs.

Toby: Police officers drive police cars and have police dogs. I would like to be an officer so I can arrest bad people.

Kayden: What does it take to be an officer? It takes Bravery! Strength! Confidence! And a smart mind. Anyone can be an officer. But it takes a lot to be the right kind for the work.

Max: It was amazing. I would like to be a police officer because I want to stop people from reckless driving.

Piotr: It was fine. I would like to be an officer because it looks fun and it is an important job and it is an important job.

Lucy: We learnt how to train. If you are 15 you can

start to train to be an officer.

Dress up Afternoon

Oak, Birch and Ash class had the opportunity to experience a dress up afternoon with Emily, who came in from the police to discuss about her job.

The children had the opportunity to ask questions.

Internet Safety

On Tuesday 26th November Emily Hurst the Community Education and Division officer came into Grange Academy to deliver an assembly around internet safety. She showed a powerpoint on how pupils can stay safe online, keep their identity safe and what to look out for. She also covered cyberbullying, indecent images and showed some informative videos.



Youth Mental Health First Aider

Hi, my name is Ms Charnock and I am the Youth Mental Health First Aider at Grange Academy. The primary aim of this role is to provide support to a young person who is experiencing poor mental health. I also play a vital role in reducing stigma and promoting positive mental health in the school. I have been trained to have the skills to support young people and signpost them to external services as well as offering 1:1 sessions.

Key areas covered within my work include:

Emotional, mental, social and psychological well-being
Eating disorders, Self Harm, Suicide
Child, adolescent and family psychosocial development

Depression, Anxiety, Psychosis
Bullying, cyber bullying
Promoting protective factors and good parenting.
If you feel your child might be struggling with their mental health, please get in touch at laura.chnock@bilft.org

Football News



Grange Academy v Ivel Valley

It was the highly anticipated re-match between Grange Academy and Ivel Valley.

This time the football match was to be played here at Grange Academy.

Grange Academy were giving several debuts to pupils who had never played football for a team before, they included Luca, Lewis, Robin, Harry, Cayden, Scarlett, Levi, Kaleem and Tyler. The match

was 9 aside, which gave more opportunities for players to have more game time.

The match started really well for Grange Academy taking a three-goal lead, goals scored by Marley-Rae, then a few lapses in concentration at the back and Grange conceded 2 goals.

Grange then started to dominate again and a well taken free kick from Toby gave us a 2-goal cushion. Grange continued to pile on the pressure on and our pressure told with more goals coming through Marley-Rae and Adam.

The game was well played in the correct spirit, although Ivel Valley did give the ref some stick throughout the game, but Mr Seago rose above it and did a very commendable job (the premier league awaits).

Grange ran out 9-3 winners in the end with goals by Marley 7, Toby and Adam.

Some excellent performances from Harry, Lewis and Cayden in defence, midfield powerhouse Ibrahim backed up by Kai, our young lioness Scarlett who was playing in her first game and did magnificently, Levi who grew in confidence as the game went on and Robin in goal who made some good saves.

Mr Kilcoyne

Christmas Card Competition



Pupils across the school have been submitting their entries to this year's Purple Mash Card competition. The standard – as usual – has been very high, and I want to congratulate them all for taking time over their designs and having a go at using different drawing tools to create some very striking images.

If you would like to view the entrants, please visit <https://www.purplemash.com/#tab/home/festive24>. This is an international competition, so keep your fingers crossed for a Grange winner!

own competition, within the school "nests", there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in Robins, Falcons, Eagles, Kestrels and Red Kites. Below are just some of the entries for both of these competitions.

Good Luck to all from Mrs. Rowley.



Diary Dates

Friday 6th December 2024 - Grange Christmas Tree Festival

Wednesday 11th December 2024 - Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17th December 2024 - Christmas Service at Kempston East Methodist Church @ 10 am

Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 1 pm - End of Term

Thursday 19th December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025 - Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January 2025 - Pupils Return