



Year 1 Newsletter

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Our topic this half term was 'Who lives in a house like this?'

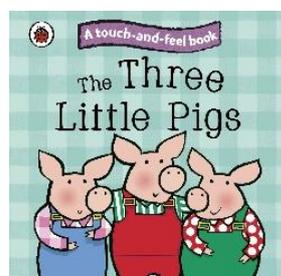
The Victorian Palace Library

During the visit from Durham Palace Library we were able to explore and investigate maps of Darlington from 200 years ago. We studied symbols and marks on the maps to locate popular landmarks and thought about what our town may have looked like many years ago. We then looked at the changes of our town centre across the years focusing on how the buildings, roads and houses had changed. We were lucky enough to explore a range of artefacts from houses in the past and, in small groups, we investigated their use and compared them to modern devices. This gave us the opportunity to link our learning and recognise similarities and differences between our own houses and those that existed in the past.



English

During this half term, we have used the stories of 'The Three Little Pigs' as a stimulus in English and we linked the houses and their materials to our work in science. We built a house of straw, sticks and bricks and used a hairdryer to blow them down. We have been looking at sentence structure, learning about verbs, nouns, and adjectives. We thought about how the three pigs may have felt in the story. Then, we moved onto the book Handa's Surprise. We sequenced the story before exploring new vocabulary and looked at asking and answering questions. We retold parts of the story. Our sentence structure and use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops has vastly improved.



Science/DT

In Science, we have been investigating the properties of different materials including wood, metal, plastic and glass. Our end point was to design and make a house for Willow, Miss Pattison's rabbit. In DT, we drew plans for the Willow's cage, learned about different joining methods and made practise houses from cardboard, discussing which design was the best. As you can see, we did a fantastic job.



Geography

This half term we have been investigating and comparing different homes. We have looked at homes that exist around the world including homes made from ice, houses that are on stilts and boathouses.

Maths

In Maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction of numbers to 10 focusing on their value and representing the number sentences in a range of different ways.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy 2019.

We will see you all again on January 7th.

Year 1 team