



Foundation

As we are now over half way through the year, we have been reflecting on the fantastic progress the children have made so far and the wide variety of experiences they have enjoyed.

In Term 2, the children were immersed in our 'Around the World' theme. It all started with a trip on an imaginary aeroplane and 'visits' to Kenya, China, Paris and New York. The children also loved learning about Christmas around the world and how different cultures celebrate that special time of year.

In Term 3, our theme was 'Superheroes', which the Butterflies and Bumblebees were so enthusiastic about. The children particularly enjoyed receiving video messages from the 'Sandgate Superhero' who set them challenges such as making their own superhero masks and capes or creating 'wanted' posters for villains. The book of 'Supertato' enabled us to focus on how we can eat healthily and it provided an opportunity to make our own Supertato soup. This also linked well to our maths learning as the children weighed and measured a variety of fruits and vegetables, whilst we also spent time building self-esteem and reminding the children of the brilliant things they have learnt to do since they started school through a focus on 'What make us so super?'

This term, our learning has focused on 'Pirates'. We had great fun starting the term with a pirate treasure hunt after receiving a message in a bottle from Pirate Ben! We were keen to write messages back to Pirate Ben, as well as to plan and write our own stories all about him. We have loved dressing up as pirates, learning sea shanties, and investigating materials that float and sink to help us build a pirate ship.

We have been lucky to enjoy a variety of events outside of our themes, including our Christmas production, a visit to the church for Epiphany, a whole school writing event, World Book Day, a STEM Enrichment Day, Science Week, a Reception Fun Morning at The Three Hills Sports Park and more!

We are thoroughly looking forward to the rest of the school year and the exciting learning opportunities it will bring!

