



# Year 1

## Rabbits

What a busy term we have had in the Rabbits class! Now that we are halfway through the year, we are proud to report that the Rabbits are becoming more independent and demonstrating an increasing sense of stamina for learning. As they continue to mature, the children are showing us just how capable they are as learners, and how responsible and sensible they can be as members of our school community.

Last term we enjoyed exploring a big question, which drove our learning for the theme, 'What is Art?' This question was, 'Is painting the best form of Art?' In order to answer this question, children experienced a wide variety of art forms: painting, printing, collage, cookery and music. We played the Blues, made portrait pizzas and created our own print tiles and collages. We learned about recognised artists such as Matisse, Hokusai, Handel and BB King, and were also lucky enough to have a visiting artist come to our class to teach the children about working with clay. The children were rightly proud of their beautiful pinch pots and interested to see and hold some individual pieces handcrafted by the artist. Throughout the term, we encouraged them to compare each art form with painting and were impressed with their thinking skills and ability to explain their reasoning.

We have enjoyed developing our writing skills, and the Rabbits have impressed us with their determination to improve their presentation and accuracy. They have written in a variety of genres, namely instructions, poetry and stories, and we are now moving onto recounts. To inspire us, we are linking with our theme of 'Castles,' and what better way to get involved than to hold a medieval feast! The children looked fantastic in their lavish costumes and enjoyed craft, dancing and of course eating. We are now looking forward to the rest of the term when we will be stepping back in time with our young historians to explore our big question: 'Which is safer, a castle or a house?'

