



This week at St Martin's

This week in **EYFS**, we have been consolidating our addition skills as well as learning about different 2D shapes, where we can find them in our surroundings, and how we can use different shapes to create pictures. Rhyming is an important part of reading, and this week we have been rhyming in many different ways: feeding the monster rhyming words, playing rhyming snap, and building rhyming towers. We also learnt about Diwali and how it is celebrated. Thank you to Mrs. Gupta for your time today.

During our English lessons this week, **Form 1** have been creating rhyming words. The children then used their rhyming words to create funny rhyming poems, using senses and adjectives to make them more interesting. In Maths, the children have continued working on their number bonds to ten. They have also been adding numbers together to cross ten, using dice to generate two numbers and adding them together. To finish our DT topic, the children decorated their bug hotels with natural materials. The class has now placed their bug hotels in the front garden, ready for their new occupants to move in for the winter. As we approach the end of the half-term, the children took part in their Wonder Session, which prepares them for what they will be learning next half-term. This gives the children the opportunity to think of questions about the new topic, which I will then endeavour to answer over the course of the topic.

This week, **Form 2** has been writing the longest pieces of work they have ever done! They wrote different endings to the book *Oliver and the Seawigs*, trying to use all the new language features we have discussed this half-term. In Maths, they have recapped 2D shapes and learned about the properties of 3D shapes. In Science, they learned about material scientists MacAdam, MacIntosh, and Dunlop, and also conducted an experiment with surfaces and toy cars. They have also reviewed their learning in Topic ahead of next half term's learning.

Form 3 has been focusing on persuasive writing in English this week. They have been exploring features such as selling points, rhetorical questions, emotive language, and FOMO (fear of missing out) to create advertisements for Stone Age products. In Maths, they have been investigating tenths and consolidating their understanding of fractions. In Topic, they have studied the Bronze and Iron Ages and brought in some fantastic Topic homework for our Whole School walkabout. In Science, they drew conclusions from their friction investigation, learning how to represent data as a bar chart and evaluate their results. In RE, they reflected on their learning about Islam and enjoyed creating their own Islamic patterns. In Digital Literacy, they completed their SMART posters, understanding how to stay safe online. Finally, in DT, they prepared fruit and vegetables to create a tasty Stone Age stew and fruity compote! Another great week!

