

It has been wonderful having the children back with us! The atmosphere in school is great and the children have all settled back in brilliantly. We have been looking at authors in English, analysing their style and writing our own stories, adopting some aspects of this style. In science, we have continued to look at adaptation and evolution. We have been observing real insects just like Darwin, identifying adaptations they have undergone in order to survive (different mouthparts, antennae, legs, wings, colour) and recognising how awesome nature truly is. In design technology, we have been designing and building our own cathedrals. We recognise that consideration to strength and purpose is paramount in construction and, without proper foundations, our work will come crumbling down. We found out about Gaudi, a famous Spanish architect, and looked at 'la sagrada familia' which is a colossal, incredible, breath-taking cathedral in Barcelona ( prominent city in Spain). In Spanish, we have continued to find out about 'El dia de los muertos' (the day of the dead) which is an important celebration that takes place in Mexico every year. In maths, we have been developing our understanding of fractions, using the connected language and embedding a concrete awareness of what fractions physically are, moving steadily to a more abstract and mathematical knowledge. We have also been looking at shape. We have been learning the names of shapes and what the properties are of each shape, using words like 'vertices, vertex, faces, edges and angles' to describe the properties of each shape accurately. We have continued to embed our ability to calculate using all four operations. In topic, we have been finding out about rivers, locating the countries of the world and establishing where the major rivers are and looking at what these rivers mean to a region, from economic activity and trade links to the importance of rivers as a source of energy, food, minerals and water. We have continued to enjoy outdoor and indoor sport with 'P.O.S.H'. Above all, we have enjoyed the opportunity to continue learning and finding out about the world around us and being together again with our friends, developing friendships and enjoying shared experiences. Long may it continue!

Many thanks, Miss. Fitzpatrick and Miss. Brown.