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Welcome to the Adderley Voice

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children have yet again lived up to our school values of ACHIEVE, PERFORM, SUCCEED. They have made a fantastic start to the new academic year and will be taking many memorable experiences away with them to reflect on into the Spring Term. Our teachers have worked hard to create meaningful and rich learning opportunities for all our children. Some of the opportunities can be through visits, exhibitions, sporting events and musical concerts. Most of all, we can see the impact that day to day teaching and learning is having on the quality of education offered at Adderley.

We were delighted to have achieved the Inclusion Quality Mark, Platinum ArtsMark and National Online Safety awards this term – we are a school committed to providing an ambitious curriculum for all our learners and it is a pleasure to receive these accreditations. We would like to say a special thanks to all of our parents and carers who have been attending our regular parent workshops and curriculum sessions across all year groups. Working in partnership, we will go from strength to strength.

Thank you for all your support!

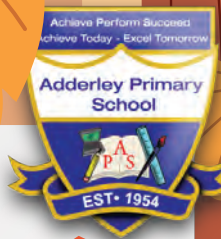
Mrs R Darr

Head Teacher

Competition Winner!



A huge congratulations to Sumaya who won the 'design a Christmas card competition' by Smart Education. Sumaya has won a £50 voucher for herself, £500 for our school and has had her design made into a real Christmas card which was sent to all schools across Birmingham!



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ASFAP

Adderley Park, famous as the first formal park in Birmingham is highlighted as an area in need of environmental improvement in the wider Bordesley Park Area Action Plan, and the East Birmingham Inclusive Growth Strategy. It is also a much-loved green space in the local community.



The Impetus for change and improvements to the park have been pushed forward through the work of Adderley School Friends of Adderley Park (ASFAP), who in consultation with other local groups have established short term and long term aspirations for the future of the park which have influenced the initial start-up ideas for the proposed masterplan.



Children from across all Year Groups have contributed their ideas towards the master plan and have taken part in the consultation process through generating ideas that would benefit the local community.





Year 2 had a special visit from Andrew Lindop, Principal Development Planning Officer from BCC, who gave them a background to the project and answered questions from the children. He was able to advise the children on their designs around areas of usability, benefit and Health and Safety.

The children's designs were shared at the ASFAP meeting on 13th December and will be shared on the Twitter page @ASFAP5.

So far the top 10 ideas from the consultation are:

- 1) **A MUGA**
- 2) **A cricket and bowling area**
- 3) **Wild flower meadows**
- 4) **Tennis Courts**
- 5) **A play area, including swings and slides**
- 6) **A central promenade for walking and cycling with space for community events**
- 7) **Space for a pop up café**
- 8) **Woodland, Pond, and Wildlife Refuge**
- 9) **A skate park**
- 10) **Grow your own plots/allotments**



Consultation on the masterplan is open until Tuesday 31st January 2023 and can be made in the form of online comments by scanning the QR code here:

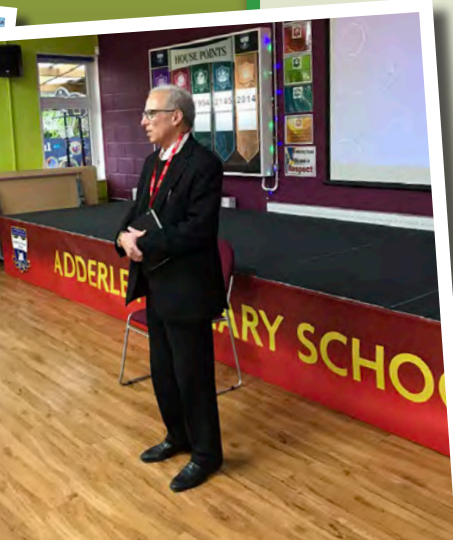
COUNCILLOR VISIT

Birmingham Matters! Councillor Idrees Visits Year 2

As part of Year 2's 'Street Detectives' campaign, they reached out to local MPs and Councillors including writing letters to them about pressing issues such as climate change, road safety and littering. We were very privileged to host a special visit from Councillor Mohammed Idrees from the Alum Rock Ward. Year 2 children spoke very confidently about their concerns and posed a range of questions to the Councillor following their visit to Birmingham City Centre. They noted the responses from Councillor Idrees, who was very impressed with their passion for change.

Year 2 have been learning all about the local area around our school. They have observed the local landmarks that make up this area. Some of the children commented that they enjoyed their local study because they saw lots of fascinating things that they hadn't noticed before, like the amount of terraced and semi-detached houses as well as solar powered panels!

They were especially grateful that Councillor Idrees could provide an in-depth insight into how MPs and Councillors are working towards improving the local area and Birmingham at large. The children carried out a City Centre walk to further strengthen their geographical knowledge and this supported their writing of letters to Liam Byrne MP and Councillor Mariam Khan. Watch this space to see what the outcomes of this campaign were!





AWARDS

Inclusion Quality Mark



We are very proud to have achieved the Inclusive School Award in recognition of commitment to provide the very best education for pupils of all backgrounds no matter what their ability may be. We are an educationally inclusive school in which the teaching and learning; achievements, attitudes and well-being of every child matter. Our school promotes equal opportunities for all pupils, whatever their age, gender, ethnicity, attainment and background. Well done to all our children who spoke to the assessor on the two day validation!

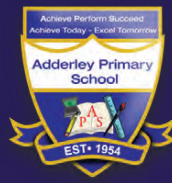


ArtsMark Platinum



Once again we have been awarded Platinum for the Arts England ArtsMark Award. This is the highest level of the award. As a registered Arts Award centre children can have the opportunities to access additional art enrichment opportunities at Adderley. Children have learnt more about different art forms, different artists and had the chance to share their new-found knowledge and skills with others. Thank you to all our stakeholders who have contributed to this award. Our Platinum Journey can be viewed on our YouTube channel!





ONLINE SAFETY

Stay Safe Online

Online safety concerns have recently been raised in the national media as well as the devastating effects it can have. At Adderley we believe that children should never be in a situation where they experience any form of abuse, online or otherwise. Our curriculum and policies help to embed deeper knowledge within our pupils that will keep them safe online as well as give them the skills to manage online threats.

In September, all children discussed the importance of online safety and within their classes, they agreed on a set of principles that they will follow to be excellent digital citizens. Children also created posters and literature to show their understanding and commitment to staying safe online.

Through our curriculum, children learn about a range of online safety topics including online relationships, reputation, privacy and security and online bullying. Online safety is also delivered as part of every Computing lesson as well as a strand of PSHEC. Any topical issues are discussed in class and where necessary, external agencies such as PCSOs deliver workshops.

At the beginning of all Computing lessons, the pupils will discuss the relevant online safety issue. This allows children to recognise the potential risks and gives them the opportunity to mitigate these during the lesson. Using this method to deliver online safety helps children to understand that it is always important to safeguard against online risks.

Children are always encouraged to discuss any concerns they have with staff at school as well as parents or guardians at home. Children can take the knowledge they gained at school and share this with their friends and family.



National Online Safety Award



We have once again been awarded the National Online Safety Award! Staff and parents completed a range of online courses and assessment to achieve a certificate in online safety. This award demonstrates our commitment to online safety in our school, community and beyond. Our Computing Ambassadors are helping us work towards the 360 Safe Award – Stay tuned for further updates on this award.

We are pleased with the dedication and knowledge our children have shown about online safety. Both inside and outside of the school, we continue to place a high priority on internet safety. In order to do this, we make sure that our children are aware of the hazards and are prepared to handle them.

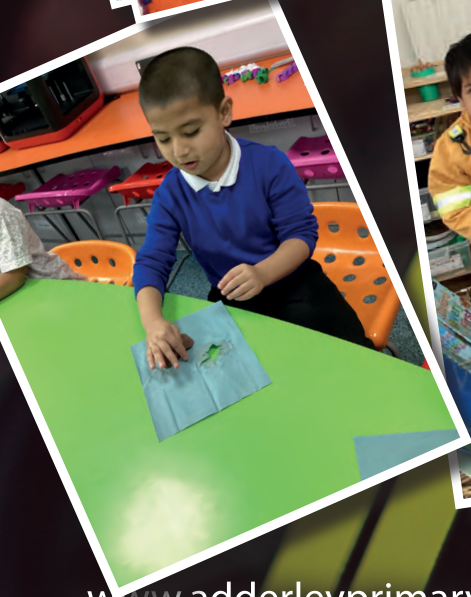
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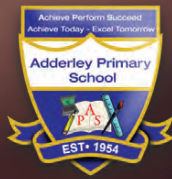
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I FALL ASLEEP?

This half term, we have entered the world of space. We listened carefully to a presentation about the patterns of the stars and asked questions about the universe. Snuggling up with comfy cushions and blankets, we all listened to bedtime stories and nursery rhymes. We also found out more about how good bedtime routines can have a positive impact on our health and took part in a series of bedtime challenges. We also learned about people and services that work at night.

BEDTIME ROUTINES

When learning about bedtime routines we also had some yummy hot chocolate and cookies to drink and eat. We then practised our brushing teeth routine and pretended to fall asleep when all other community helpers were awake and were helping us! Before we went to sleep we read our class stories such as 'Peace at Last', 'Back to Earth with a Bump' and 'Owl Babies'.



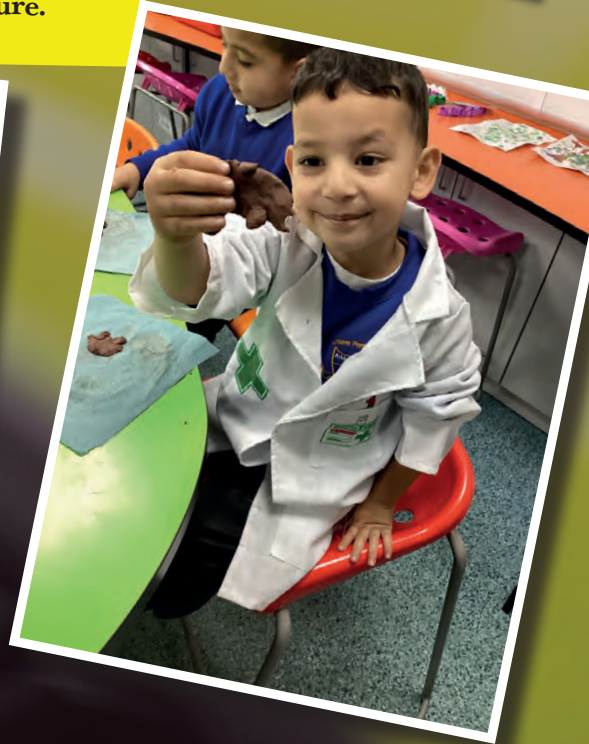


EYFS

PEOPLE WHO HELP US



We've had special visits from some special guests! On our Wow Day, Police Officers and the School Nurse came to talk about their jobs and asked us what we would like to become in the future. The Police Officers talked about their role and what they did to help the community. The School Nurse told us how important her role was and what she does to make sure everyone is safe and healthy. Some of us also pretended to become nurses and doctors and checked our friend's temperature.



YEAR 1

Dinosaur Planet



The children in Year 1 were transported back to prehistoric times and have been exploring the dinosaur planet. We had a wonderful workshop where we came up close and personal with some terrifying dinosaurs! We had also become palaeontologists and explored dinosaur fossils. We loved learning about the different dinosaurs and incredible fossils that have developed over time. We investigated this further in History by learning about Mary Anning, a significant palaeontologist. We also made our own dinosaur fossils in our art lessons!

We also used our WOW day as inspiration to write a character description of Sophie the dinosaur, the terrifying Tyrannosaurus Rex! Our class text, *Trouble at the Dinosaur Café* also inspired our writing! We had a roar-some time learning about Dinosaur Planet!



Paws, Claws and Whiskers

Animal Man

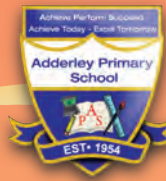
Our next topic began with a fantastic visit from the Animal Man who introduced Year 1 to many incredible small animals and reptiles. We were able to meet amazing snakes, bearded dragons, lizards, and even a Kookaburra!

We then began writing a recount all about our wonderful day with the Animal Man! We wrote about our favourite animals and how we felt on the magical day! We loved learning all about the Animal Man!

Paws, Claws and Whiskers inspired our new class text this half term, which was 'The Tiger who came for Tea.' We spent weeks rewriting our own narrative of the story!

In DT we looked at different types of animal skin and fur patterns, which inspired us to create a collage of our art using tissue paper. Year 1 loved Paws, Claws and Whiskers!

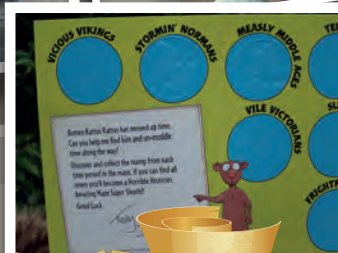




YEAR 2

Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

We made a fantastic start to our topic, 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' by learning all about castles. We learnt about, and labelled the key features of medieval castles before journeying to the historic Warwick Castle to see them for ourselves! Immediately we were in awe of the marvellous castle and could identify the battlements, arrow loops, immense towers and more!



We truly loved sight-seeing through the entire castle and even met a real knight, shooting his bow and arrow along the way! We also got to witness an eye-catching birds of prey showcase called the Falcon's Quest. Birds soared right above our heads – it was extraordinary!





YEAR 2

Reach Out Week

Adderley Primary School took part in Reach Out Week, taking a stand against bullying and highlighting the importance of Road Safety. We enjoyed partaking in conversations surrounding these topics, as well as wearing odd socks and dressing up for Children in Need day! How bear-y nice do the children look?



HS2

We were also lucky enough to be visited by HS2. They brought a fantastic dump truck with them and we enjoyed learning about the importance of road safety. We particularly enjoyed asking them questions about their dump truck and how we can help to improve road safety in our local area! We had a great time watching how the driver operates the dump truck and some of us hope to pursue this as a career. How fantastic!



Singing in the Playground

The children enjoyed taking part in activity where they were encouraged and enabled to sing and play, to adapt singing games, to share their own singing games, and to create new ones. They had fun whilst being active, and shared singing-play culture for the whole primary school community!



YEAR 3

Scrumdiddlyumptious!

Our first topic in Year 3 was 'Scrumdiddlyumptious', this topic was based on learning facts about the history of chocolate. We all dressed up as a character's from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' for our Memorable Experience in school and had loads of fun activities. Our significant individual for this topic was 'John Cadbury', he was the founder of 'Cadbury's chocolate. Amazingly, his company started right here in Birmingham not very far from our school on Bull Street in the city centre. Through our cross curricular link in Art, we reviewed the work of 'Jeremy Scott' we tried to use his inspiration in making dresses out of chocolate wrappers...yes chocolate wrappers...how cool!

Bishops Wood

During this half of the Autumn Term, Year 3 have been learning about their historical and factual topic, 'Tribal Tales'. For Our Memorable Experience, we went to Bishops Wood Outdoor Field Study Centre where we had an amazing adventure learning about the Stone Age. During our visit we carried out activities that helped us to understand how people from the Stone Age survived, lived, and hunted their food.

In our History lessons, the children learnt about the history of fossils and how they were excavated and their they contribution to understanding facts about the past. Their science topic of 'Rocks' helped the children to understand how rocks are formed and how they change over time with the exposure to water.

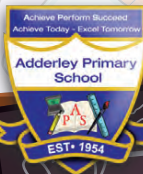




This half term, children are learning about facts relating to the Stone Age and three significant eras. Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic. The visit to bishops Wood as part of this topic 'Tribal Tales' was a great foundation for our English genre a non-chronological report based on the Stone Age. In our Art lessons children have designed clay beakers and learnt about how Neolithic people used these as pots for food and drink glasses. In Design Technology we will make some clay beakers. As well as writing a non-chronological report, the children had great fun using iPads learning amazing facts about Mary Anning a famous palaeontologist.



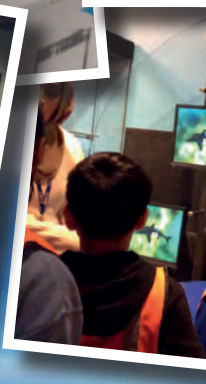
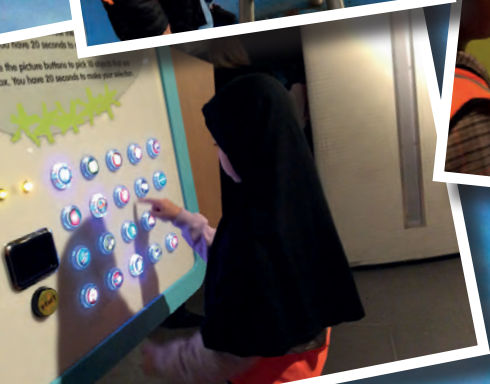
YEAR 4



THE MAKING OF Harry Potter

During the first half of the Autumn Term, Year 4 have been investigating their mysterious and spooky topic, 'Potions'. For their Memorable Experience, they went to Harry Potter Studios in London where they had a brilliant time learning about the characters, film and all the magic and mystery behind JK Rowling's world-famous phenomena. From this, they wrote amazing recounts, created magical potions and designed lavish wands!

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YEAR 4

In History lessons, the children learnt about the history of medicine and how famous scientists and physicians contributed to medicine, and have shaped the future of medicine. Their science topic of Solids Liquids and Gases helped them to understand how materials change when either heating or cooling is introduced. They learned about the water cycle and about reversible and irreversible changes.

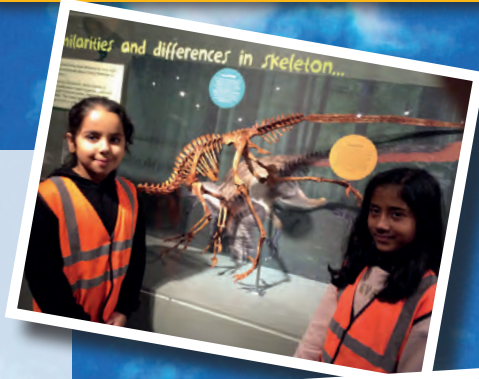


thinktank



This half term, children are learning about the function of teeth and about the digestive system. They visited Think Tank as part of their topic Bottoms, Biles and Burps and had a fabulous time investigating and experimenting in different parts of the science museum. Children enjoyed seeing life size skeletons and were able to observe the digestive system as well as teeth closely.

In Art lesson and DT lessons they drew parts of the body, learnt about the works of Leonardo Da Vinci and also designed and created parts of the digestive system out of materials. As well as writing a non-chronological report, the children had great fun writing a poem about their favourite food.



YEAR 5

stargazers!

The children in Year 5 have been transported to outer space where they became astronauts and learned all about the vast depths of space! As part of this topic, we were able to visit The National Space Centre in Leicester which is the home to many extraordinary replicas of spaceships and scientists. We had the opportunity to experience the fascinating planetarium where we took a trip into our solar system. Did you know our sun is over 300,000 times bigger than the Earth?

Drama

Year 5 have had the privilege to take part in a Shakespeare Drama Programme that is run by the Birmingham Rep Theatre company. We have been practicing really hard to learn our lines for our performances: The Tempest, King Lear and Coriolanus. The difficult language, complex plots and distant settings of the plays have demanded us to form new ways of thinking. Whilst performing them during our practice sessions it allowed us to take creative risks and take ownership of our text and plays.

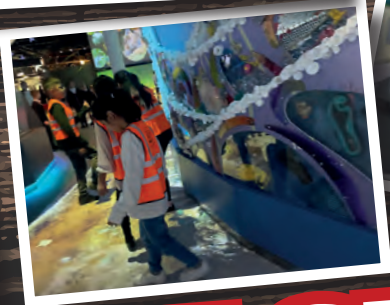
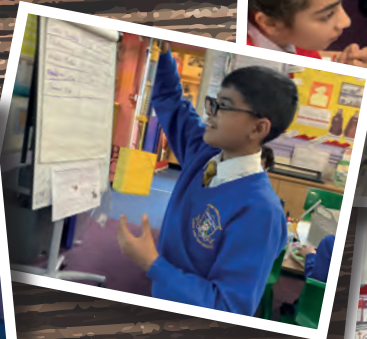
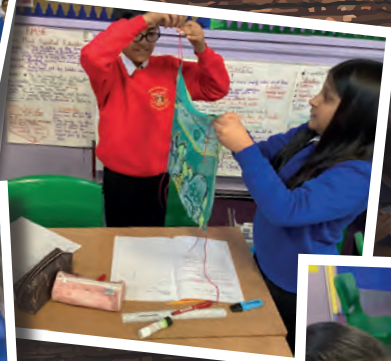
Here are the plots outlines for each play:
The Tempest - a play about magic, betrayal, love and forgiveness. It is set on an island somewhere near Italy where Prospero, the one-time Duke of Milan, and his beautiful daughter, Miranda, live with a sprite called Ariel and a strange wild man called Caliban. Prospero is a powerful magician who creates a storm, or tempest, that sets the scene for the play. In the events that follow we see a plot to murder the King of Naples, a drunken scheme to kill Prospero and a romance between Miranda and the King's son, Ferdinand. In the end everyone is forgiven and they all set sail for home.

YEAR 5

LOUDMOUTH!

SCIENCE
AIR RESISTANCE

SPACE CENTRE
VISIT



YEAR 6

ROYAL AIR FORCE museum

RAF COSFORD

For Year 6's topic A Child's War, Year 6 boarded the bus and headed out to RAF Museum Cosford to check out the unique exhibitions. As we explored each plane-filled hanger, we learnt more and more about how aircraft changed the way global conflicts were fought across the world. Most interesting to us was the 'War in the Air' exhibition, as it included Britain's legendary WWII fighter: the Spitfire!



WORLD WAR II TOYS

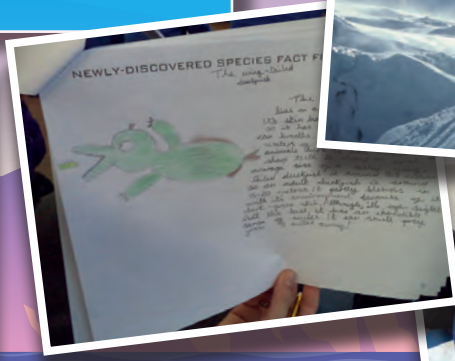
To continue our learning for this topic, we created wooden toys which a turning mechanism. We used cams to enable our toy to move. At the top of the toy, we included the ionic Spitfire - a must have toy for any child of this era! Whilst making these toys, we had to problem solve when some aspects of our design were not completely successful; fortunately, using a glue gun to reinforce our models proved effect!



Polar Explorer Workshop

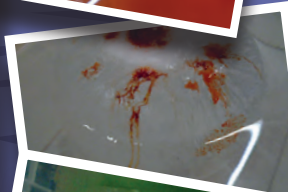
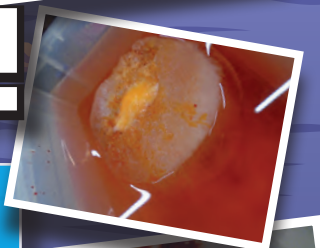
YEAR 6

In Autumn 2, Year 6 began the topic of Frozen Kingdom and we have been very excited to learn more about the Arctic and Antarctic. Did you know that Antarctica is a frozen desert because it is so dry and it is the coldest place on Earth? For our Memorable Experience, a real-life polar explorer, Mr Simon, came to talk about his experiences of traveling these extraordinary regions. We were able to learn about the native people and animals who inhabit this region, what equipment is essential to take and what happens if you get frostbite! Would you like to explorer there too?



Icebergs Ahead!

As part topic of Frozen Kingdom, we have explored how icebergs and glaciers are formed as well as how they can be deadly to ships; the sinking of the Titanic by an iceberg caused the greatest maritime disaster of all time and resulted in laws for ships being changed for ever! To learn more, we investigated and observed what would happen to our 'mini-icebergs' in class if we introduced salt-water to freshwater. Try it yourself at home!



P.E.

PE Lessons

Children have been performing excellently in their PE lessons this Autumn term. Children have been learning new skills and building upon their pre-existing skills as well as increasing their knowledge of the different sports and rules. School Games Values have been at the heart of all PE lessons with many children being awarded badges for their achievements.

Competitions

There has been a range of competitions which the school has attended this Autumn term organised by Miss Reed, our school games organiser. The first competition we attended was the Year 2 and 3 Fundamental Movement Skills. The second was KS2 Dodgeball and finally the KS2 Active Numeracy and Literacy Festival. Children represented our school excellently and received school games badges and certificates for their participation.

WOW Travel Tracker

During Reach Out week at Adderley Mr Worrall delivered an assembly for KS1 and KS2 to launch the WOW Travel Tracker. Children log daily journeys to school on the interactive system. The WOW Travel Tracker also confirms which pupils have walked enough to earn a badge each month. Our aim is to increase the number of active journeys being taken both to and from school.

After School Clubs

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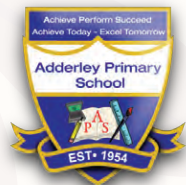
This Autumn term we have had a range of after school clubs on offer and these have been well attended. Basketball Club has returned again following the success of last year. Other sports clubs include Handball, Bench ball and Multi Skills. Birmingham City Football Club have also been coming into school to deliver a Football club. In these clubs' children have been learning new skills and developing existing skills. In Art club Year 2 children have been learning new techniques and Year 6 have been working with Miss Ogden on the global canvas entry. Reading club has been immensely popular in KS1. British Sign Language club, one of our new clubs for this Autumn term, has been going extremely well. Children have been learning to sign letters, numbers and colours!

Swimming lessons

Our Year 3 children have been swimming this Autumn term as part of the PE curriculum at Sparkhill Pool and Fitness Centre. They have been learning to travel effectively, swim short distances and improve their confidence in water. Swimming aids such as floats and noodles are used in lessons to enable children to progress and swim further. Swimming badges will be available to purchase from the school to recognise children's achievements in Swimming.

FIFA World Cup 2022

It is the start of the FIFA World Cup and children have taken part in a sweepstake where each child has selected at random a team from the tournament. The school has a World Cup display which features a wall chart so children can track each fixture and the result!



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Emirates Stadium visit



On the 21st November 14 children from Year 3-6 visited the Emirates Stadium, a high-level sporting venue which boasts top class facilities and is one of the most prestigious football stadiums in the world. Children journeyed into the Emirates Stadium and went on an all access behind-the-scenes tour.



Children experienced the Directors Box, Diamond Club area, Players Entrance, Home and Away Dressing Room, Players Tunnel, Pitch side and Home Dugout, Flash Interview Rooms, Press Conference Room and Media Lounge. Children were amazed at the just the sheer size of the stadium!



A visit to the Arsenal museum provided a great experience for the children to learn about the history of the club and past achievements including the 49-match unbeaten run giving the team the 'Invincibles' label. Children had the opportunity to see first-hand the trophies won by the club in past seasons as these were displayed in cabinets. The size of some of the trophies were amazing! In addition, children learnt about the Arsenal Ladies team and all their successes.

To see and visit one of the world's most prestigious stadiums and football clubs was a fantastic opportunity for our children. They will never forget the experience and are able to articulate what they learnt and share this knowledge with their peers and family.



"YOUR SAY, YOUR SCHOOL"

We welcome your feedback at Adderley Primary School, and would love to hear from you. Please share your views as a parent by clicking on the 'Ofsted Parent View' button under the 'Parents' menu of the school website. Additionally, you may want to fill in our online form - 'Your Say, Your School'.

We look forward to hearing from you all!