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This week in English we have written a persuasive letter based on the book, *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Oliver Jeffers. We have focused on the emotions and feelings of the characters and the features of a letter.

In Maths, we have been learning place value, rounding, estimating numbers on a number line. We had fun using bead strings, arrow cards, digit cards, dienes and even board games.

In Art, we have studied Henri Matisse, particularly his 'Painting with scissors' techniques. We learned about vivid and vibrant colour, repeated patterns, geometric and organic shapes. We identified layering and real life representations. We have recorded our Matisse journey in our sketch books. We collaborated to create a masterpiece to demonstrate our understanding of Matisse.

In PE, we have started our Calabash dance. First we listened to the story and now we are beginning to interpret the story through movement and the use of pumpkins. In outdoor PE we are beginning to develop the skills needed to play netball.

Our block planning so far has been the study of Rocks and Soils in Science. All of us have thoroughly enjoyed bringing in and sharing our many different types of rocks and fossils. We investigated the durability and strength of different rocks as well as their permeability. We demonstrated our understanding of soil layers using jars and bottles. We were very lucky to listen to an expert geologist, Mr Pankhurst.

Linked to our Science, we are now studying the life of the fossil hunter Mary Anning who was the first female palaeontologist.



