

In Bumble Bee Class, our topic this term has been 'A Royal Rumpus'. We started the term by visiting a real-life castle! We visited Rockingham Castle with the Honey Bees, and whilst there we got to have a tour inside the castle (including the medieval kitchen!), climb the tower, wear medieval helmets, sit by the fire, explore the grounds and the ice house, and go inside the church. We enjoyed learning about how it used to have a moat, and why the castle walls are so thick.



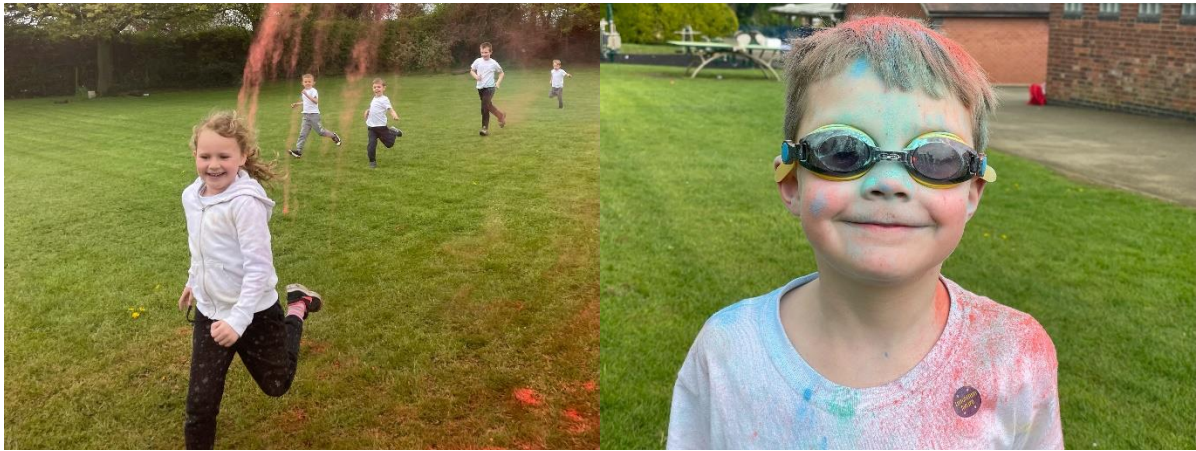
When we got back to school, we enjoyed writing about our trip and learning more about castles, linking our reading to things that we saw. Our first story book for this half term was 'The Queen's Knickers'. We used the story to predict what might happen and design our own knickers, but then talked about our new King, and how he needs special pants! We used the story to design our own pants for the King, and then read 'The King's Pants'.

In History we have been learning about Kings and Queens of England, first learning about Queen Elizabeth II, then about King Charles III. We were fortunate to watch King Charles' coronation, and experience our school's coronation celebration.



We then started to look at Knights and Castles, including the story 'The Knight With the Blazing Bottom.' We enjoyed creating a story map with actions for this story, including all of the silly undoing of things to help the dragon out! Year 1 then moved on to innovate their own story to help a dragon. Reception learnt the story of 'Meg's Castle', and had a go at writing some sound words.

This half term has also brought the extremely fun and messy Colour Dash! We loved raising money for Leicester Childrens' Hospitals, and getting in a big mess at the same time. We ran around the field through clouds of powder paint.



Our Science this term has been completed through our outdoor learning lessons. We have been learning about plants in our surrounding environment, and have drawn and labelled trees and plants. We will be looking at different types of trees and flowers.



In maths, Year 1 have mastered position and direction and money. We have experimented with quarter, half and full turns, and given instructions for movement including using left and right. We have also identified the value of coins and added coins together for a given amount. Year 1 are now working on numbers to 100, ensuring they understand their place value and how to use a number line and 100 square. Reception have also explored positional language, using the words 'above', 'below', 'next to', 'on' and 'in'. We have also enjoyed exploring numbers, identifying odds, evens and doubles.

Bumble Bee Class have been enjoying RE lessons with Mrs Triggs on Tuesday afternoons. They have learnt about special places, including a walk to the church to learn why it is special to Christians.

We have also loved PE this term, covering tennis skills and dance! We have practised moving in space, controlling a ball, balancing a ball, bouncing a ball and passing a ball. In dance we have experimented with different styles, including happy, sad, confident, excited, tired, ballet, rock n roll and hula!