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Maths

This week we finished our unit on perimeter and area, looking at the area of rectangles, compound shapes and estimating area. We have now started a new unit on statistics, where the children are learning how to draw, read and interpret line graphs.

English

In English, we finished writing our innovation stories based on *defeating the monster*, using the model text *Smaug*. The children included features from the toolkit and are now ready to complete their hot task next week, where they will write their own independent stories.

Science

In science, we investigated how different sugars dissolve in water. The children compared icing sugar, granulated sugar and demerara sugar, observing the differences in how quickly they dissolved. They found that smaller crystals, like those in icing sugar, have a larger surface area, which allows them to dissolve more quickly and easily. In contrast, larger crystals, such as demerara sugar, have less surface area exposed to the water, so they dissolve more slowly.

Topic

In topic, we explored the end of the Ancient Maya civilisation. The children examined a range of evidence and discussed different theories about why the Maya may have declined or disappeared, including the impact of disease, warfare and environmental changes.

Well done to Zak, Cade, Alfie C and Crue for achieving certificates this week!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Pullen