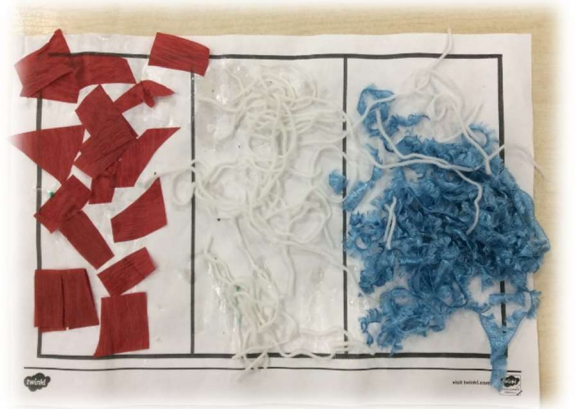


European Day of Languages 2023

Pre-School:

Little Explorers had a great day celebrating European Languages Day. We started the day by learning how to say hello in French, 'Bonjour', we then all answered the register in French.

We learnt where France was and then made a french flag using different materials.



Year 1/2:

We started off the day with an EDL ppt with lots of discussion based around where Europe is, where we are in location to the rest of Europe. How to say hello in other languages!

We had two globes at the front of the classroom and children came up to try and find European countries.



We discussed why it would be nice to be able to speak another language and the benefits.

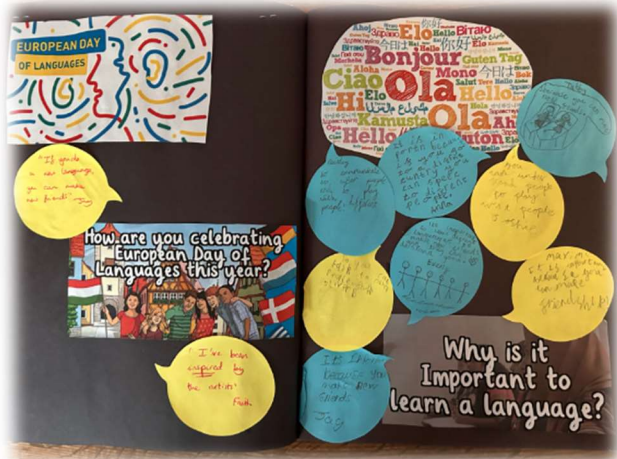
"So I can go on holiday and talk to people"

"So I can buy things at the shop"

There are 3 children in the class who are bilingual - two from Europe so we had lots of discussions about that!

Then we had a colouring in activity with European city landmarks and flags.

Year 3:



Creating artwork inspired by European artists.

Year 3 began their European Day of Languages by recalling the languages they speak. Maxim said, 'I speak Russian and English and I'm trying my hardest to learn French!'

We then learnt about different European artists and looked at their most famous works of art. Each child created a double page spread in their books and used different painting techniques to complete this.

Year 4:

Year 4 had lots of fun celebrating EDL! After assembly, where we guessed the different languages when saying 'Hello! My name is...!', we listened to music which had different languages as lyrics. We created European flag bunting, completed quizzes, word searches, reading comprehensions and answered our registers in different languages too.



Charlotte: I really enjoyed creating the flag bunting and learning all about the flag colours in our atlas.

Zac: In assembly, we got to share if we had family in other countries and I did not realise that so many of my friends has family in other countries in Europe and across the world.

Year 5:

In Year 5, the children learnt about the number and variety of countries that make up Europe, including learning to pronounce some of the country's most common welcomes. This included learning about the importance of European Day of Languages and why it was founded.

The children started off with a challenge to recall the number of countries in Europe, naming and identifying on a map as many as they could, this was extended into a class competition where the children then repeated the task and took turns identifying them on the interactive whiteboard.

Some examples of pupil voice include:

"I didn't think there was so many."

"I can't believe I've forgot Poland – I've been to Poland."

After the children tried to match flags with the names of countries and repeated locating them on the European map - following a similar format to the previous activity.

The children then listened to and repeated some of the welcomes from across Europe including:

French: Bonjour

German: Hallo

Spanish: Hola

Italian: Ciao

Greek: Geiá sou

Some children then offered greetings that they had learnt on holidays to other countries including, Portugal and Poland.

At the end of the session, the children discussed and recapped key points around the importance European day of languages and how many different cultures existed in Europe. From this discussion came some interesting and thoughtful pupil thoughts on the importance of understanding other cultures and countries in Europe and the wider world.

"I think it is important to learn other countries language as it shows respect."

"It helps to understand other people so we can help them."

"It helps us to be helped if we are in an emergency".

"I think it is interesting to learn about other countries and we try and learn some new words when I go away with my family".

"We are all people just because we live in different places we are the same."

"I think everyone should learn something before they go on holiday as it will help them".

"We have people who live here now and if we learn some of their language it will help us understand them and they can learn our language from us".

Year 6:

In Year 6, we looked at different ways of saying 'Hello' in languages from across Europe. We then used atlases to look at the map of Europe and talk about the countries that make up the continent. We chose five countries each and then drew their flags in our books. We discussed the countries that we had visited ourselves and some children were able to discuss their own heritage/backgrounds.

Jasmine: My mum is from Portugal so we sometimes speak Portuguese at home. I haven't been there before but apparently it is much warmer than England.

Alfie: It's not in Europe but I used to live in Singapore, which is a beautiful country with lots of amazing animals and great weather.

Guinny: I visited Amsterdam over the summer holidays. It had some similarities to England, but they spoke Dutch. There is lots of history around Amsterdam.

This event encourages our children to consider those in the wider world and to discuss why it is important to show respect to others. The children are very interested and intrigued when learning about different countries and cultures. Year 6 watch Newsround daily, which often refers to events or issues across the world. Recently, we have learnt about Gaza and the children are always respectful and thoughtful in their discussions. Our Christian value of friendship helps us consider how we can show that others are in our thoughts and prayers.