

# The Garden Classroom

## Summer Term 1<sup>st</sup> Half, 2019

### Castles

As a continuation of our Castles topic we learned about the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings and the Normal Conquest. We re-enacted the events using small world props on a large map of the British Isles.



As part of their artwork, children developed detailed designs inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry to depict the historical events of the Battle of Hastings.

## Role Play Shop and Police Station

The Reception children in the Garden Class room were inspired to develop a role-play supermarket and café within the classroom. They devised a list of all the things they would need and talked about the roles that different people would play.



Children extended their play further into a role-play police station whether police officers would need to write notes about incidents they had dealt with.







As part of their learning in Maths, they also used their role-play shop to buy items using the correct number of pennies.



## A Sensational Multicultural Experience!

Children from Marston Montgomery and Long Lane took part in a sensational multicultural experience on the last day of term. We welcomed two visitors from the Open Centre in Derby who conducted workshops about customs relating to Asian marriage and food tasting.



The children learned about Hindu customs surrounding marriage. They learned about how a marriage might be arranged between families and the types of clothing and jewellery that might be worn.





We then also learned about how a Hindu wedding can last for 5 days, with different celebrations taking place on each day. We learned about how the marriage ceremony takes place around a fire and how the bride and the groom lead each other around the fire as they say their vows to each other.



The bride and the groom leading each other round a fire as they say their vows.



All children then joined in with the celebrations by dressing up in Asian style clothing and learning some Bollywood dance steps.



## Rangoli Patterns

Between workshops, the children explored making Rangoli patterns using a range of shape resources outside. They learned how to start by using a central circle from which to build up a circular pattern.







## Food-Tasting Workshop

After sharing a picnic lunch on the field, the children took part in a food-tasting workshop. They investigated whether foods were salty or sweet and compared the taste of Asian food to the taste of common European foods.



What a short but sweet half term we have had!