

Year 2 Autumn 1 'Our World'

It's been a busy half term for Year 2. We have been learning about 'Our World'. This topic has been incorporated into all areas of our learning as we have criss crossed the globe. We started off by looking at the continents and oceans and where various countries were. Year 2 compared how the people of those countries lived compared to us in here in Bradwel. We also compared the weather and how it affected which animals flourished there and their habitats.

We went to China and learnt about the story behind the Willow Pattern plate, the traditional blue and white Chinese plates. (The story is about a Princess who doesn't want to marry the man her



father says she has too. She runs away with her chosen man. Eventually they are caught and killed, but the Gods were so touched by their love they turned them into doves, and they lived happily ever after). The children have been acting out their own version of the story to their classmates. While in China we also looked at Giant Pandas as part of our research into endangered animals.

The work on endangered animals continued into the pressures facing the planet and how we can help. This linked into both English (we designed posters to persuade you not to throw your plastic in the sea as it was killing the fish and the coral reefs) and RE (we have been looking at the creation of the world and how God would feel the way we are treating it).

As part of our literacy we also wrote letters to the Indian government suggesting how protecting the Tigers and their habitat would benefit both the Tigers and the local farmers as well as tourism. While we were focused on the Bengal Tigers in India.

This half term included Roald Dahl Day. The children all got to dress up which they really enjoyed. The children bought in their favourite stories, which we read and discussed. It was a lot of fun.

