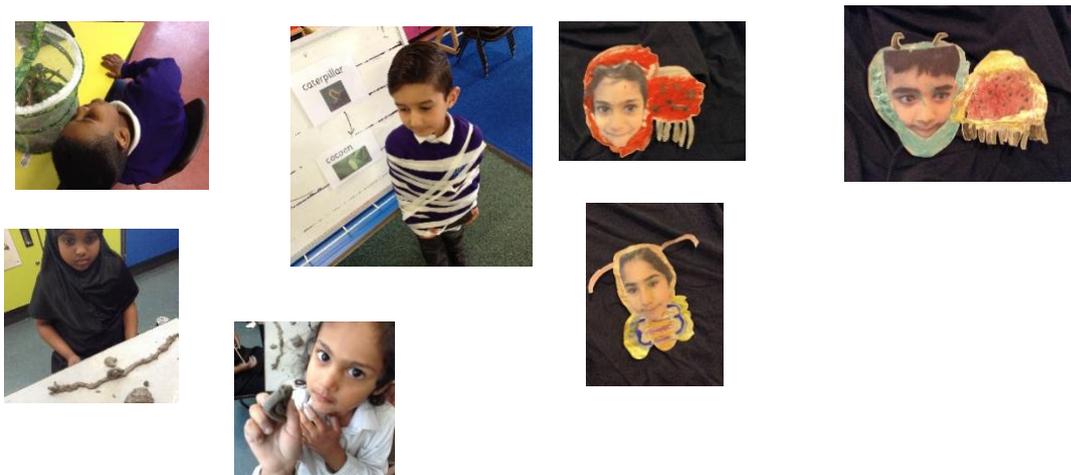


Here are some of the year's highlights for our Year R. children.

Unfortunately we have been unable to make our usual visit to Wendover Woods, but we've tried to make sure that the children experience the change of season first hand through taking regular learning walks on the school field. Here, some of the children are enjoying their autumn walk and discovering a beautiful and very old tree. The children collected interesting leaves and then made their own autumn crowns.



This term we've been learning about minibeasts and have learned how to handle and care for them in our classrooms. We really enjoyed watching the amazing transformation from caterpillar to pupa, and finally to butterfly. In one of our lessons we pretended to be caterpillars beginning to spin a silky cocoon around ourselves. We've also created ourselves as minibeasts, and made clay models of worms and snails.



Each class has also attended a food workshop based around eating healthily and the importance of fruit and vegetables in our diet. Mark is our school chef and he taught us all about where these foods come from, and how to prepare them.

We really enjoyed grating, peeling and chopping all the interesting fruit and vegetables, but we enjoyed eating it even more!



We also had a lot of fun and interesting learning on World Ocean Arts Day. We learned about how beautiful our oceans are and how important it is to keep them clean and healthy. We read Julia Donaldson's "The Snail and the Whale" and focussed on the sea snail and the humpback whale. We drew pictures and painted and created clay models of these two wonderful sea creatures.



We've also made yummy honey sandwiches and learned just how awesome bees are.



Finally, we are learning about spiders and reading Carle's The Very Busy Spider. Our other spider story is Spindarella by Julia Donaldson.

We've had a great year in Reception, despite everything and are currently meeting our Year 1 teachers.