Autumn term was a busy term for international work with Fairtrade fortnight, Diwali, Bonfire night, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

Our students enjoyed learning and recapping these world events, learning about religion, geography and history.

Fairtrade Fortnight offers an opportunity for our students to engage in global awareness through accessible, hands-on learning. Students can explore concepts of fairness, ethical trade, and social justice, fostering empathy and understanding while developing skills in communication, teamwork, and critical thinking.

We had a lovely Fairtrade event to start Fairtrade fortnight with Christopher Pickering Primary School and 6th form, secondary and primary classes. We learnt about where food comes from and air miles.

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Learning about Bonfire Night offers students an opportunity to explore a cultural event centred on history, tradition, and community. The theme of fireworks, bonfires, and celebrating safety allows for sensory engagement through sights, sounds, and feelings, making it accessible to all learners. Visual storytelling, interactive activities, and hands-on experiences help enhance understanding. Bonfire Night’s international relevance extends beyond the UK, offering a platform for global discussions about cultural events, social gatherings, and the importance of shared histories, fostering inclusion and empathy among diverse learners.

Classes in school have enjoyed some artwork and communication work throughout their learning on Bonfire night. Sensory trays help engage our students and are great fun.

A close up of a book

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Learning about Remembrance Day offers a chance to understand the importance of honouring sacrifices made in wars and conflicts. The theme is universal, allowing our students to connect with history and reflect on values such as peace, unity, and respect. Incorporating diverse learning methods like storytelling, visual aids, and sensory experiences, ensures engagement. Through this shared remembrance, our students can develop empathy and raise awareness about resilience, making the theme both meaningful and accessible to all learners worldwide. We have completed communication and artwork are shown below.

A page of a book with pictures and words

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A person standing in front of a table with a painting

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We continued our Christmas Card exchange with our partner school Victor Duruy in Paris and exchanged letters to each other.



Spring term started with New Year and resolutions before Chinese New Year.

Chinese New Year offers a rich opportunity for our students to explore cultural traditions and celebrate diversity. Through sensory activities like music, art, and food tasting, students can engage with the vibrant customs, such as dragon dances, lantern festivals, and the symbolism of colors and animals.

A collage of a child and a child painting

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