



**Baslow St. Anne's C of E Primary School**  
Life in all its fullness .. growing healthy minds and hearts together  
Kindness - Respect - Diversity



## Year 1 Tigers

### Week 2 Spring 2 2026

What a fun packed week of learning we have had!

The children have really enjoyed learning about the celebration of St David's Day. They watched a programme celebrating this special day and then read information and answered questions about St David. Learning about these Saint days helps reinforce their understanding of the make up of the United Kingdom with it's four countries. The children worked with an adult to make a windmill daffodil to bring home, they had to really focus and persevere as it wasn't easy.

We then had a very exciting day finding out about the Hindu festival of Holi, this 'festival of colour' celebrates the beginning of Spring and the belief that good will conquer bad. The children really enjoyed watching a video of children preparing for and then celebrating this festival. They were able to discuss some of the similarities and differences they saw in relation to other festivals we have been learning about. Learning about and showing respect for other religious beliefs and traditions is an important part of our learning about British Values in Year 1. We were lucky enough to conclude our learning that day by having a colour party in our yard. A really fun day and most importantly an opportunity to show understanding and respect for others.

In topic the children have started to learn about India, we went on a virtual tour listening to music from the country and seeing many of their famous landmarks and animals. We then sorted out animals, finding out which you would find in the UK and which in India and some that you might find in both.

In science we looked at what a plant is and whether all plants look the same. We played a game to help identify some common plants and then found out what they need to grow. We helped set up a cress growing experiment where we put cress seeds in four different containers each with a different set of conditions in terms of whether they have soil, water or light. The children then made predictions on which they thought would grow - we look forward to seeing if they were right. We also had a visit and workshop with the author and illustrator Lisa Bentley, she shared her book 'I am not your hat!' and helped the children create story characters. We followed on her visit with another writing activity creating our own ten word stories - do come and look at these in another of our class books.

We finished the week with World Book Day - a day of great excitement as children came dressed as favourite characters and brought their favourite book to share with their friends. They took part in many activities designed to foster that love of books and reading and they all had a fantastic day. We got to read so many of their fabulous books, it was a real treat! Do pop in next week to see some of the activities. A huge thanks to our mystery readers ( two of our dads) who came in at the end of the day on Friday to read stories to the children. Amazing and very much enjoyed by everyone.

Next week will bring even more excitement as it is 'Science Week'!

As always please do come and ask if you have any questions.

